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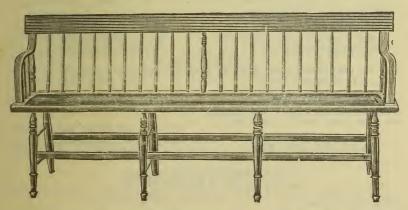
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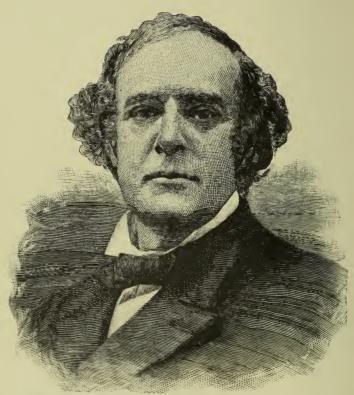
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Term to expire in 1900. — C. E. DAVIS, F. WILLCOMB.

Term to expire in 1901. — G. S. Chadbourne, W. Henry Hutchinson.

Term to expire in 1902. — V. A. COOPER, A. B. F. KINNEY.

Term to expire in 1903. - W. B. TOULMIN, C. DEWITT MARCY.

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Joshua Merrill. A. L. Dodge. J. H. MANSFIELD.

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East District. - Presiding Elder, N. T. Whitaker, F. H. Knight, MATTHEW ROBESON, C. R. MAGEE.

North District. — Presiding Elder, E. M. Taylor, W. E. Knox, E. A.

LA COUNT, FRANK COOLIDGE.

South District. - Presiding Elder, L. B. Bates, Geo. Skene, E. O. FISK, A. B. F. KINNEY.

West District. - PRESIDING ELDER, W. J. HEATH, JOHN H. MANSFIELD, L. E. HITCHCOCK, H. P. CUMMINGS.

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One Year. - W. T. PERRIN, W. R. CLARK, Mrs. J. R. Cushing.

IV. Conference Committees.

STANDING.

Public Worship. — R. F. Holway, G. W. Mansfield, L. W. Adams, W. J. Thompson, G. E. Sanderson, H. E. Whyman, Nels Eagle, Alonzo Sanderson.

Education. — W. R. NEWHALL, W. J. HEATH, W. J. THOMPSON, GEORGE SKENE, A. A. WRIGHT.

Observance of the Lord's Day. — HENRY TUCKLEY, GEO. S. CHADBOURNE, F. K. STRATTON, F. T. POMEROY, G. H. PERKINS.

Zion's Herald. — F. H. KNIGHT, R. L. GREENE, F. NICHOLS, W. T. WORTH, C. A. CRANE.

Prisoners. — J. W. F. BARNES, W. B. TOULMIN, E. W. VIRGIN, J. W. HIGGINS, PUTNAM WEBBER.

Nomination of Officers of Societies. — W. M. Cassidy, W. H. Meredith, E. Hitchcock, W. E. Knox, W. A. Mayo.

Memoirs. — W. I. Haven, David H. Ela, Henry Tuckley, Robert E. Smith, George H. Cheney, Willard T. Perrin, John R. Cushing.

SPECIAL.

On Appropriating the Money from the Book Concern. — L. B. Bates, G. W. Mansfield, W. T. Perrin, John Peterson, A. W. Baird.

To Send Greetings to Hon. C. C. Corbin. — Alonzo Sanderson, Alexander Dight.

To Communicate with Absent and Sick Brethren.—G. S. BUTTERS, C. W. WILDER, J. PETERSON.

To Nominate for Conference Trustees. — S. F. UPHAM, W. R. NEWHALL, F. K. STRATTON.

On Supernumerary Preachers.—J. D. Pickles, G. S. Butters, C. F. Rice, C. E. Davis, S. F. Upham.

To Solicit Subscribers for the Methodist Review. — H. H. PAINE.

On Book Concern Accounts. — W. A. THURSTON.

To Collect Money for Preachers' Aid Society. — O. R. MILLER, H. G. ALLEY, F. N. UPHAM, W. H. MEREDITH.

Boston City Missions. — J. W. LINDSAY, GEO. S. CHADBOURNE, EDWIN H. HUGHES, WILLIAM M. FLANDERS, Esq., GEO. E. WHITAKER, Esq.

V. Assignments for Conference of 1899.

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VISITING COMMITTEES.

Wesleyan Academy.—E. W. Virgin, C. M. Hall, C. A. Shatto.
Wesleyan University.—W. J. Heath, L. W. Staples.
Boston University School of Theology.—C. F. Rice, L. H. Dorchester.
Drew Theological Seminary.—E. R. Thorndike, W. R. Newhall.
Woman's College of Baltimore.—Geo. Skene, J. H. Pillsbury.
Lasell Seminary.—W. J. Thompson, F. H. Ellis.
Boston Correspondence School.—R. F. Holway, J. D. Pickles.
Wesleyan Association.—E. P. Herrick, John L. Bates.
Alternates.—H. L. Wriston, Albert M. Williams.

OTHER COMMITTEES.

Preachers' Aid for 1898-99.—L. B. Bates, Joseph H. Mansfield, D. H. Ela, C. W. Wilder, J. D. Pickles, John Galbraith, J. M. Leonard, C. F. Rice, J. W. Lindsay, J. W. Higgins, G. F. Eaton, E. R. Thorndike, J. O. Knowles, N. T. Whitaker, G. S. Chadbourne, C. E. Davis, J. W. F. Barnes, Nels Eagle, Dillon Bronson, F. T. Pomeroy, O. W. Hutchinson, W. I. Haven, G. S. Butters.

To Nominate Standing Committees. — W. M. Cassidy, W. H. Meredith, E. Hitchcock, W. E. Knox, W. A. Mayo.

On Conference Relations. — C. F. RICE, G. S. BUTTERS, JESSE WAGNER, F. H. KNIGHT, GEO. H. CLARKE.

ANNIVERSARIES.

To Preach Missionary Sermon. — James Mudge. Alternate. — C. F. Rice.

To Preach Conference Sermon. — Charles A. Crane.

VI. Disciplinary Questions.

- 1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

 GEO. WHITAKER, from Detroit; HENRY B. SWARTZ, from Japan;
 F. B. HARVEY, from Baltimore; F. H. WHEELER, from Dakota;
 THOS. E. CHANDLER, from Kansas; G. H. SPENCER, from New
 Hampshire; W. N. MASON, from Cincinnati; J. W. STEPHENS,
 from East Ohio; A. B. KENDIG, from New York; JOSEPH M.
 SHEPLER, from East Ohio; G. W. KING, from New England
 Southern.
- 2. Who have been Readmitted?
- 3. Who have been Received on Credentials and from what Churches?

 None.
- 4. Who have been Received on Trial?
- (a) In Studies of First Year.
 WILBUR T. HALE, GEO. B. DEAN.
- (b) In Studies of Third Year.
 EATON B. MARSHALL.
- 5. Who have been Continued on Trial?
 - (a) In Studies of First Year.
 None.
 - (b) In Studies of Second Year.

 ARTHUR L. HOWE, GEO. S. PAINTER, JOHN MASON, GEO. W. LOCKE, RICHARD W. COOPER.
 - (e) In Studies of Third Year, None.
 - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.

 EDWARD E. AYRES, ALBERT BEAL.
- 6. Who have been Discontinued?
- 7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?
- (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year.

 JOHN R. CHAFFEE, JOSEPH M. SHEPLER, FRANK J. McCONNELL.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons Previously.

ARTHUR DECHMAN, GEO. R. GROSE, F. B. HARVEY, ALBERT L. SQUIER, WM. G. SEAMAN, E. V. HINCHLIFFE.

- 8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?
- (a) Admitted into Full Membership this Year.

ALBERT L. SQUIER, JOHN R. CHAFFEE, FRANK J. McCONNELL, ARTHUR DECHMAN, FRANK B. HARVEY, E. V. HINCHLIFFE, WM. G. SEAMAN.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership Previously.
None.

What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?
 HENRY G. ALLEY, JAMES P. CHADBOURNE, ROLLIN H. WALKER.

- 10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this Year.

FRED M. ESTES, HARRY G. BUTLER, LEOPOLD A. NIES, HILMER LARSON, LEON E. BELL.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders Previously.

Chas. A. Shatto, Edgar J. Helms, Joseph E. Waterhouse.

- 11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
 - (a) As Local Preachers.

JOSEPH H. PUFFER, WILLIAM C. GEYER, LUCIUS M. BRISTOL, ARTHUR T. CAMBURN, CHAS. A. PICKETT, EATON B. MAR-SHALL, SHERIDAN W. BELL.

(b) Elected but not Ordained.

FRANK F. FITCH, GEO. A. PEGRAM, LAURESS I. BURNEY.

- 12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?
 - (a) As Local Deacons.

ARTHUR DECHMAN, GEO. R. GROSE, FRANK B. HARVEY. WILLIAM L. D. TWOMBLY, JAMES P. CHADBOURNE (not ordained).

(b) Under Missionary Rule.

None.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

This was strictly done, as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

F. M. MILLER, to Vermont; W. F. STEWART, to Detroit; G. W. SIMONSON, to New York, East; J. W. HAGGMAN, to Sweden; LUTHER FREEMAN, to Maine; HENRY TUCKLEY, to Wyoming; ELWIN HITCHCOCK, to New Hampshire; JOSEPH M. SHEPLER, to East Ohio.

15. Who have Died?

WILLIAM RICE, DAVID SHERMAN, WILLIAM S. JAGGER, WILLIAM N. BRODBECK.

- 16. Who have been Located at their own Request? FREDERICK B. GRAVES, WILLIAM P. RAY.
- 17. Who have been Located?
- 18. Who have Withdrawn? ISAAC S. YERKS.
- 19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?
 None.
- 20. Who have been Expelled?
- 21. What other personal Notation should be made?

JOSEPH H. PARADIS, from the Congregational Church, WILLIAM E. Morse, from the Congregational Church, have been recognized as Local Elders.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

A. R. JONES. W. E. DWIGHT, G. R. BENT, W. D. BRIDGE, M. H. A. EVANS, NATHANIEL FELLOWS, T. C. MARTIN, G. W. COON.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

M. Trafton, W. Butler, J. S. Barrows, W. Merrill, C. H. Vinton, S. Cushing, H. C. Dunham, J. H. Owens, W. M. Hubbard, H. P. Hall, H. S. Booth, L. White, J. L. Estey, J. W. Merrill, L. A. Bosworth, E. A Manning, I. Marcy, W. Silverthorn, W. M. Ayres, N. J. Merrill, W. H. Hatch, C. N. Smith, F. T. George, J. Capen, W. R. Clark, F. Furber, W. P. Blackmer, W. J. Hambleton, W. McDonald, N. H. Martin, T. B. Smith, G. C. Osgood, E. A. Smith, L. P. Cushman, Victor Witting, William Wignall, G. M. Steele, Hugh Montgomery, J. H. Gaylord, J. B. Gould, I. B. Bigelow, W. Pentecost, Daniel Dorchester, V. M. Simons—44.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

C. F. RICE, JOHN GALBRAITH, J. M. LEONARD, W. H. MEREDITH, G. L. COLLYER, FREDERICK WOODS, C. E. DAVIS.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year? See Statistical Tables.

- 26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$54,661.
- 27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? \$9,387.01.
- 28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?\$9,387.01.See Preachers' Aid Report.
- 29. Where are the Preachers Stationed? See List of Appointments.
- 30. Where shall the next Conference be held?

 Referred to the Bureau of Conference Sessions.

VII. Journal of Daily Proceedings.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6.

Opening. — Bishop John P. Newman, D. D., LL. D., opened the one hundred and second session of the New England Conference at nine o'clock Wednesday morning, April 6, 1898, in Trinity M. E. Church, Worcester. The Bishop called for the singing of "I need thee every hour," and then, assisted by the Presiding Elders and other brethren, impressively adminstered the sacrament of the holy communion.

Roll Call. — The Secretary of the Conference called the roll, and one hundred and twenty-five members answered to their names. (For list see page 4.)

Secretaries and Treasurer. — On motion of J. O. Knowles, James Mudge was unanimously re-elected Secretary, by acclamation. On motion of E. R. Thorndike, Joel M. Leonard was similarly re-elected Treasurer, and on motion of G. F. Eaton, Arthur P. Sharp was in the same manner re-elected Statistical Secretary. Assistants to these officers were, on their motion, chosen as follows: Assistant Secretaries, Charles M. Hall and Luther Freeman; Biographical Secretary, Charles W. Wilder; Assistant Treasurers, G. H. Clarke, C. E. Spaulding, C. E. Davis, J. W. Higgins; Assistant Statistical Secretaries, S. C. Carey, B. F. Kingsley, W. M. Cassidy, J. W. Ward, A. W. L. Nelson, Arthur Bonner, W. H. Dockham, A. C. Skinner.

Standing Committees. — The nominations for the Standing Committees presented by the committee appointed for the purpose and printed in the Conference directory, with the addition of J. R. Cushing to the Committee on Memoirs, was duly confirmed by the Conference.

Time and Bar. — On motion of R. F. Holway it was voted that the time for the Conference session be from 8.30 to 12. On motion of G. F. Eaton, the bar of the Conference was fixed at a line running across the church at the further side of the fifth window from the platform.

Drafts. — Drafts on the Chartered Fund for \$22, on the Book Concern for \$1,377, and on the Trustees of the M. E. Church for \$30, — the latter our share of bequests for the benefit of destitute superannuated preachers from Attillia F. Christman, and Caroline Clark, — were presented by the Bishop and ordered by the Conference. G. F. Eaton moved that the amount received from the Book Concern be paid this year to the Preachers' Aid Society alone, instead of being divided with the Sustentation Fund Society as heretofore. On motion of John Galbraith, the matter was referred to a special committee; the committee being subsequently constituted as follows: L. B. Bates, G. W. Mansfield, W. T. Perrin, John Peterson, A. W. Baird.

Documents.— The Bishop presented various documents which were, without motion, referred to the appropriate committees.

Episcopal Fund. — A communication from the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund was read to the Conference by the Secretary, and on his motion referred to the Presiding Elders.

Book Concern Accounts. — On motion of the Secretary, Wm. A. Thurston was appointed to look after certain accounts of the Book Concern.

Memorial to the President. — On motion of T. C. Watkins, the following memorial to the President was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and it was ordered that after being signed by the President and Secretary, it be immediately telegraphed to Washington: To his Excellency, William McKinley, President of the United States of America. The New England Conference of the M. E. Church desires to express to you its profound smypathy in your untiring efforts in behalf of suffering humanity on the island of Cuba, and its hearty endorsement of your policy to do everything consistent with our honor as a nation to adjust the strained relations between this country and Spain without recourse to devastating war. We believe that the Christian character of our people never had such an opportunity to influence the diplomacy of all nations. Your firm self-control and conservative policy already secure and unify the sympathy of the great nations of the world with us. It is the fervent prayer of preachers and people that you may have the dignified support of the National Congress in the settlement of these difficulties.

Thirteenth Question.—The thirteenth question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" being taken up, the Presiding Elders of the four districts, E. R. Thorndike, G. F. Eaton, Joseph H. Mansfield, and J. O. Knowles, passed in character and read reports of their districts.

Prayer. — On motion of E. T. Curnick, the Conference engaged, under the lead of L. B. Bates, in a season of prayer for those detained from us by reason of sickness.

Lay Representation. — A proposition from the Rock River Conference, so to change the discipline as to make the Lay Delegates in the General Conference equal in number to the Ministerial Delegates, was read to the Conference, and, on motion of S. F. Upham, it was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock, together with the proposition from the East Maine Conference, if it shall be received.

Memorial Service. — On motion of Geo. E. Sanderson, the Memorial Service was fixed for 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

Addresses. — Charles Parkhurst, Editor of the Zion's Herald, addressed the Conference in regard to the interests of that paper, and presented a draft for \$528, as our share of its profits for the past year. Dr. Martin D. Kneeland, General Secretary of the N. E. Sabbath Protection League, was introduced, made a brief address, and presented some resolutions which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day.

W. N. Brodbeck. — The time having been extended, Edwin H. Hughes called the attention of the Conference to the recently published volume of sermons by the late Dr. Brodbeck.

Chester C. Corbin. — On motion of Alonzo Sanderson, it was voted that we send to the Hon. Chester C. Corbin an expression of our sincere regard and sympathy in his long-continued illness. Brother Sanderson and Brother Dight were appointed to do it.

Adjournment. — After the giving of the usual notices, and the singing of the Doxology, the Conference adjournd, the benediction being pronounced by L. B. Bates.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 7.

Opening. — The Conference opened at 8.30 according to appointment, the devotions being led by S. F. Upham, after which the Bishop gave a most interesting and profitable address on "Methods of Study." The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved. The roll being called, forty-eight who were absent yesterday responded to their names. (For list, see page 4.)

Thirteenth Question.—The thirteenth question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" being resumed, the effective elders on all four districts passed in character, those present and in charge reporting their missionary collection.

Superannuation. — On motion of E. R. Thorndike the relation of Hugh Montgomery was changed from effective to superannuated; and on motion of G. F. Eaton the same change was made in the case of George M. Steele.

Supernumerary. — It having been moved in the cases of T. C. Martin and G. W. Coon that their relation be changed from effective to supernumerary, the Conference voted, on motion of C. F. Rice, that all cases of recommendation to the supernumerary relation wait for the report of the special committee on this relation appointed at the last Conference.

Special Appointments. — On motion, the Conference voted that the Bishop be requested to appoint S. L. Gracey as Professor in the Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow; J. C. Ferguson as President of the Nanyang College, Shanghai; Benjamin Gill as Professor in the State College, Pennsylvania; and Joseph Scott as Chaplain of the Springfield Almshouse.

Lay Delegation. — Ten o'clock having arrived, it was voted to take up the order of the day, namely, the vote upon the propositions in regard to the composition of the General Conference. S. F. Upham moved and the Conference agreed that Charles Parkhurst, who had left the seat of the Conference, have his ballot cast by the Secretary. It was also voted that the word Yes or the word No be written on each ballot. J. W. Lindsay, S. F. Upham,

L. W. Staples, and G. A. Crawford, having been appointed tellers, distributed, collected and counted the votes on the first, or Rock River Conference proposition, for equalizing the number of the ministerial and lay delegates in the General Conference. The vote was announced as 134 yeas and 25 nays. A. H. Herrick, A. M. Osgood, G. S. Butters, and G. H. Clarke were appointed tellers for the second or East Maine Conference proposition for making sixty instead of forty-five the unit of enumeration in fixing the number of ministerial representatives in the General Conference. This vote being taken in the same manner as the previous one, resulted in 82 yeas and 59 nays.

Book Concern.—The report of the Book Concern to the Annual Conferences of the M. E. church was read by the Secretary, and on motion of E. T. Curnick, was referred to the Committee on Education. The Rev. Homer Eaton, D. D., one of the agents of the Book Concern, was introduced to the Conference and briefly addressed it. A communication from the Book Committee in reference to raising the amount of \$3,398, apportioned to us toward the expenses of the next General Conference, was read, and on motion of the Secretary, referred to the Presiding Elders. The Trustees of the Board of Education presented a letter to the Conference reporting the condition of the work committed to them. On motion of the Secretary it was referred to the Committee on Education.

District Missionary Secretaries. — A communication having been read from the Corresponding Secretaries of the Missionary Society requesting the appointment of district missionary secretaries, it was, on motion, referred to the officers of the Conference Missionary Society, with power to appoint them.

Official Journal. — On motion of the Secretary, the printed Minutes were made the official journal of the Conference.

Twenty-third Question. — The twenty-third question, "Who are the superannuated preachers?" was taken up. The following passed in character and were continued as superannuates: Mark Trafton, William Butler, J. S. Barrows, William Merrill, C. H. Vinton, Stephen Cushing, H. C. Dunham, J. H. Owens, W. M. Hubbard, H. P. Hall, H. S. Booth. Lorenzo White, J. L. Estey,

J. W. Merrill, L. A. Bosworth, E. A. Manning, Ichabod Marcy, William Silverthorne, W. M. Ayres, N. J. Merrill, W. H. Hatch, C. N. Smith, F. T. George, John Capen, W. R. Clark, Franklin Furber, W. P. Blackmer, W. J. Hambleton, William McDonald, N. H. Martin, T. B. Smith, G. C. Osgood, E. A. Smith, L. P. Cushman, Victor Witting and William Wignall. Those present and wishing to do so briefly addressed the Conference, and some very affecting letters were read. On motion of W. H. Hatch, it was voted that the Secretary be requested to address a fraternal letter to Dr. Trafton bearing our kindliest greetings.

Condolence. — On motion of George E. Sanderson, a special committee, consisting of Geo. S. Butters, C. W. Wilder, and John Peterson, were appointed to convey to absent and sick brethren the condolence of the Conference.

Thirtieth Question. — The thirtieth question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up, and after a statement from L. B. Bates that there was a hearty invitation to hold the Conference in Boston, it was voted that the matter be referred to the Bureau of Conference Sessions.

Trustees. — On motion of G. S. Chadbourne the Conference voted that a committee be raised to nominate four brethren, from which two shall be elected by the Board of Trustees as Trustees of the Conference. S. F. Upham, W. R. Newhall, and F. K. Stratton were made the committee.

Rockbottom Church. — It was moved by A. J. Hall and voted by the Conference that the Secretary be instructed to insert in the Minutes the new name of the Rockbottom church, namely, Gleasondale.

Introductions. — The following brethren from the New Eng-England Southern Conference were introduced, namely, Geo. H. Bates, T. J. Everett, E. C. Bass, and John Oldham: also the Rev. Mr. Jacobs of the African M. E. Church, and Rev. Mr. Taylor of the Zion Church.

Adjournment.— After the usual notices and the singing of the Doxology, the Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by James Mudge.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 8.

Opening. — At 8.30 o'clock John W. Lindsay, by appointment of the Bishop, conducted brief devotions, after which the Conference greatly enjoyed an address from Bishop Newman on "Ministerial Success." The journal of yesterday's session was then read and approved.

Preachers' Aid Society. — L. B. Bates moved that a brother be appointed from each district to receive offerings from the ministers for the Preachers' Aid Society. The following were appointed: W. H. Meredith, O. R. Miller, H. G. Alley, F. N. Upham.

Fifth Question. — The fifth question, "Who have been continued on trial?" was called. Charles F. Rice reported, as chairman for the Board of Examiners, the following general recommendations: 1. That the Conference will accept a certificate from any of the regular theological schools of our Church or from any institution recognized as a college by the University Senate of the M. E. Church, stating that a candidate has passed a satisfactory examination in any of the prescribed studies, in place of an examination in those studies; provided that the subjects on which examinations are certified have been studied in books or in courses of lectures which are full equivalents of the corresponding books in the course of study presented in the Discipline. 2. That the Conference shall accept a certificate from any academy of our Church, stating that a candidate has passed a satisfactory examination in elementary English branches, in place of an examination in those studies. 3. That the Conference instruct the Board of Examiners to examine all candidates for admission on trial, admission into full connection, or ordination as local preachers, in regard to their personal attitude touching the doctrine and polity of the M. E. Church. Arthur L. Howe, Geo. S. Painter, John Mason. Geo. W. Locke, and Richard W. Cooper, passed in character and in the studies of the first year, and were continued on trial in the class of the second year. Edward E. Ayers and Albert Beal passed in character and in the studies of the third year, and were continued on trial in the class of the fourth year. The

Bishop was requested to leave George W. Locke without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Seventh Question. — The seventh question, "Who have been admitted into full membership?" was called. Edward V. Hinchliffe, William G. Seaman, Arthur Dechman, Geo. R. Grose, John R. Chaffee, Albert L. Squier, Frank J. McConnell, and Francis B. Harvey, being reported favorably by their Presiding Elders and by the Board of Examiners, after reporting their missionary collections, answering the usual disciplinary questions, and listening to the instructive remarks of the Bishop, were received into full membership. John R. Chaffee and Frank J. McConnell were elected Deacons, Arthur Dechman and Francis B. Harvey were elected Local Elders, and Geo. R. Grose was elected a Travelling Elder. Albert L. Squier was found to be already a Deacon and Edward V. Hinchliffe and William G. Seaman were already Elders.

On motion of C. F. Rice it was agreed that it be the understanding of the Conference that in all cases where the requirements of the course of study have not been fully met by those who are advanced to the next class or recommended for ordination, they be expected to faithfully bring up the arrearages.

Tenth Question. — The tenth question, "What members have completed the Conference course of study?" being called, Fred M. Estes, Joseph E. Waterhouse, Harry G. Butler, Leopold A. Nies, Hilmer Larson, Leon E. Bell, and Charles A. Shatto, passed in character, reported their missionary collections, were reported by the Board of Examiners as having passed in the studies of the fourth year, and on motion were passed to the list of Effective Elders. Edgar J. Helms was also passed to this same list, having completed the course of study last year. Fred M. Estes, Harry G. Butler, Leopold A. Nies, Hilmer Larson, and Leon E. Bell were elected to Elders' orders, Joseph E. Waterhouse and Charles A. Shatto having been previously so elected and ordained.

Ninth Question. — In answer to the ninth question, "What members are in studies of the fourth year?" Henry G. Alley, James T. Chadbourne, and Rollin H. Walker, passed in character, and were continued in the studies of the fourth year. I. S. Yerks

was entered as withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church.

Eleventh Question. — The eleventh question was taken up, and the following local preachers, recommended by their several Quarterly Conferences, were reported favorably by the Board of Examiners and by their Presiding Elders, and were elected Deacons: Frank T. Fitch, Joseph H. Puffer, William C. Geyer, Lucius M. Bristol, Arthur T. Camburn, George A. Pegram, Lauress I. Burney, Charles A. Pickett, and Eaton B. Marshall. In the case of the last-named it was voted that since he has passed examinanion in the first two years of the travelling preachers' course, this be accepted as a substitute for the course of local deacons. The recommendation of Hiram H. Weyant being presented, the Presiding Elder had permission to withdraw it, in view of the candidate not being ready.

Twenty-second Question. — The twenty-second question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" being called, on motion of S. F. Upham, it was voted that its consideration be postponed to an executive session, which session was subsequently appointed by the Bishop for 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Deaconesses. — W. I. Haven presented the report of the Board of Deaconesses, which, after an address by Miss Mary E. Lunn, Superintendent of the Deaconesses Home in Boston, was adopted.

Addresses. — The Rev. Alpha J. Kynett, D. D., one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Church Extension Society, the Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and the Rev. S. W. Dike, LL. D., Corresponding Secretary of the National League for the Protection of the Family, were introduced, and made addresses. Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, D. D., having entered the conference room, was cordially greeted by the brethren, and in his remarks, asked the members of the Conference to contribute \$100 toward the \$400 necessary for purchasing the library of the late Dr. Brodbeck to be presented to Claffin University. On motion of J. O. Knowles, a committee, with T. C. Watkins as chairman, was appointed to solicit that

sum from the brethren present. The amount received was soon announced as \$114.50.

Methodist Review. — The Rev. Wm. V. Kelley, D. D., Editor of the *Methodist Review*, was introduced to the Conference and addressed it concerning that periodical. At his request, on motion of the Secretary, Harvey H. Paine was appointed to solicit subscribers for the *Review*.

Adjournment. — The Conference having adjourned by expiration of time, notices were given, the Doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Mallalieu.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 9.

Opening. — Devotions were led by L. B. Bates. Bishop Newman greatly profited the Conference by an address on "How to Make a Sermon." The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved. W. T. Worth, prevented from answering to roll call by sudden illness at a hotel in the city, received special permission to be entered as present on the first day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Twenty-second Question. — The hour set for the executive session having arrived, the room was cleared of all except ministers, and the Conference being thus by itself, proceeded to consider the twenty-second question, "Who are the Supernumerary preachers?" The report of the special committee appointed last year to consider this matter was presented by its chairman, J. D. Pickles, and adopted by the Conference; and the special committee it recommended on Conference relations was ordered. (See reports.) The names on the supernumerary list were then called. All passed in character, and the following disposition was made of their relation: A. R. Jones, W. E. Dwight, W. D. Bridge, M. H. A. Evans, and Nathaniel Fellows were continued as supernumerary; V. M. Simons and G. R. Bent were requested to locate; F. B. Graves and W. P. Ray were granted a location at their own request; the relation of J. H. Gaylord, J. B. Gould, J. B. Bigelow, William Pentecost, and Daniel Doreliester was

changed to superannuated; the relation of F. M. Miller, Daniel Richards, and S. H. Noon was changed to effective, and the Bishop was requested to appoint Daniel Richards as agent of the N. E. Methodist Historical Society, and S. H. Noon as agent of the Total Abstinence Society of Massachusetts.

J. H. Mansfield moved that T. C. Martin and G. W. Coon be placed on the supernumerary list. C. F. Rice moved as a substitute, that the Bishop be requested to appoint as soon as possible the committee already ordered on this general subject, and that all cases of readjustment be referred to this committee. The substitute prevailed, and these two cases were referred to the said committee.

Seventh Question. — The seventh question being recalled, Joseph M. Shepler, transferred for ordination from the East Ohio Conference, was favorably reported by the Board of Examiners, answered the usual disciplinary questions, and was admitted into full connection. He was also elected to Deacons' orders.

Twelfth Question. — The twelfth question being called again, W. L. D. Twombly, a local deacon, recommended by his Quarterly Conference, by the Board of Examiners, and by his Presiding Elder, was elected to Elders' orders.

Eleventh Question. — The eleventh question being resumed, Sheridan W. Bell, a local preacher, recommended by his Quarterly Conference, and reported favorably by the Board of Examiners, as well as by his Presiding Elder, was elected to Deacons' orders.

Recognition of Orders.—The Elders' orders of J. H. Paradis of Lowell, and Wm. E. Morse of Webster, coming to us from the Congregational Church, were, on motion, duly recognized.

Memorial Service. — The time having arrived for the order of the day, and the doors having been opened to the public, the memorial service was, on motion, taken up. Suitable and affecting memoirs were read by D. H. Ela concerning William Rice and Wm. S. Jagger; by E. Hodge (written by W. I. Haven), concerning David Sherman, by Henry Tuckley concerning Wm. H. Brodbeck; by R. E. Smith, for Mrs. G. W. Simonson; by Geo. H. Cheney, for Mrs. S. L. Gracey; by W. T. Perrin, for Mrs. Isaac Smith; by J. R. Cushing for Mrs. Benjamin Gill. These memoirs were then adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

G. Stanley Hall. — The following resolution, offered by C. F. Rice, was unanimously adopted: *Resolved*, that as a Conference we express to President G. Stanley Hall, our gratified appreciation of the profound, scholarly and inspiring address delivered at the Educational Anniversary Friday afternoon.

District Reorganization. — Resolutions concerning the proposed reorganization of the districts, moved by C. A. Littlefield, were adopted (see reports), and the committee provided for in it to report next year, was constituted as follows: C. A. Littlefield, Charles E. Davis, John W. Lindsay, J. D. Pickles, W. R. Newhall, the Presiding Elders, and the following laymen, James F. Almy, Oliver H. Durell, John Legg, and Wm. W. More.

Dr. Payne. — The Rev. Charles H. Payne, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced to the Conference and gave a brief but admirable address.

Introductions. — The Rev. Dr. Watt and the Rev. Mr. Short of the Wilmington Conference were introduced and represented the project for a suitable memorial at Wilmington, to the late Rev. Merritt Hulburd, formerly for a season a member of this Conference, asking that some share in this memorial be taken by us. A committee of two, namely, F. N. Upham and Charles F. Rice, were accordingly appointed to correspond with Brother Short concerning the matter.

Conference Relations. — On motion of G. F. Eaton, it was voted that the Committee on Conference Relations, ordered this morning, consist of the same committee which has acted during the past year, namely, |Brothers Pickles, Butters, Rice, Davis, and Upham. It was also voted that to this same committee be referred, after this year, the candidates for admission on trial.

Book Concern Money. — The special committee, to whom was referred the division of the money received from the Book Concern, reported through G. W. Mansfield, that it be divided, as heretofore, one fourth to the Sustenation Fund Society and three fourths to the Preachers' Aid Society. The division was so ordered.

Adjournment. — Notices were given, and the Conference, on motion, adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by James Mudge.

FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, APRIL 11.

FIRST SESSION.

Opening.—In the absence of Bishop Newman, on account of sudden illness, the expected address on "Pulpit Oratory" had to be omitted, and the time from 8.30 to 9 was occupied with a prayer-meeting, under the leadership of Charles F. Rice. At 9 o'clock S. F. Upham, by appointment of the Bishop, took the chair, and the journal of Saturday's session was read and approved.

Talmage. — On motion of G. F. Eaton, the Conference requested the Bishop to leave C. H. Talmage without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Reports. — Reports were presented by D. H. Ela, for the Trustees of the Conference; by L. B. Bates, for the Preachers' Aid Committee; by L. H. Dorchester, for the Conference Tract Society; by T. C. Watkins, for the Conference Temperance Society; by W. G. Richardson, for the Sustentation Fund Society; by F. H. Knight, for the Committee on Zion's Herald; by Wm. M. Cassidy, for the Committee to Nominate Officers of Conference Societies; by E. M. Taylor, for the Conference Freedmen's Aid Society; by L. W. Staples, for the Seamen's Aid Society; by E. P. Herrick, for the Epworth League; by G. S. Chadbourne, for the Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day; and by W. R. Newhall, for the Committee on Education; all of which were adopted, and the nominations for officers of certain societies and visitors to various institutions were confirmed. The resolution presented by the Committee on Education, namely, that this being the Quarter Centennial of Boston University, we will as far as practicable take a special collection in all our churches for education and will pay the same into the treasury of Boston University School of Theology, was also adopted.

Arthur P. Sharp, Statistical Secretary, presented his report, which was adopted. G. S. Chadbourne presented the report of the Boston Missionary and Church Extension Society, which, on motion, was recommitted to the committee, with a request that they report on the City Mission work of the Conference generally. On motion of John Galbraith, the following preamble and resolu-

tion was passed: Whereas, the Preachers' Aid Committee have requested that the annual collection for Conference Claimants be greatly increased to meet the demands made upon it; also that the permanent fund be increased to one hundred thousand dollars: Resolved, That the Rev. J. W. Lindsay, D. D., be hereby appointed to represent the Conference in this effort. M. E. Wright presented a report as Visiting Committee to the Boston Correspondence School, which was accepted.

Bishop Mallalieu. — At 11 o'clock Bishop Mallalieu, summoned by telegraph from Auburndale, entered the room, and presided during the remainder of the session.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

To the Secretary of the New England Annual Conference:

This Certifies, That in Worcester, Mass., on Sunday, the tenth day of April, 1898, in accordance with the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as Deacons (elected by the New England Conference),—

SHERIDAN W. BELL. LUCIUS M. BRISTOL. ARTHUR T. CAMBURN. JOHN R. CHAFFEE. WILLIAM C. GEYER. EATON B. MARSHALL. FRANK J. MCCONNELL. CHARLES A. PICKETT. JOSEPH H. PUFFER. JOSEPH M. SHEPLER.

And as Elders, assisted by several Elders (under the election of the New England Conference), the following:—

LEON E. BELL. HARRY G. BUTLER. ARTHUR DECHMAN. FRED M. ESTES. GEORGE R. GROSE.
FRANCIS B. HARVEY.
HILMER LARSON.
LEOPOLD A. NIES.
W. L. D. TWOMBLY.

And under the election of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, — John C. Beckel. Wilson E. Vandermark.

JOHN P. NEWMAN.

WORCESTER, April 10, 1898.

Introductions. — The Rev. A. E. Colton, Agent of the Massachusetts Bible Society, Dr. S. L. Beiler, Vice-Chancellor of the American University, and Dr. J. C. Hartzell, Missionary Bishop of Africa, were introduced to the Conference and addressed it.

Ordination. — On motion of Joseph H. Mansfield the Conference voted that James P. Chadbourne be elected to Elders' orders on condition that he pass the examination before our Board of Examiners within the next six months.

Trustees. — S. F. Upham for the, committee to nominate four candidates for the two vacancies in the Board of Conference Trustees, presented the names of W. E. Knox, W. T. Perrin, W. I. Haven, and G. S. Butters, and these were nominated.

Twenty-second Question. — The time having been extended, and the Conference having gone into executive session, the twenty-second question was resumed, and on motion of Joseph H. Mansfield, the relation of T. C. Martin was changed from effective to supernumerary at his request. The same action was taken in the care of G. W. Coon. On motion of J. O. Knowles the Conference voted to reconsider the action by which V. M. Simons was requested to locate. Jos. H. Mansfield moved as a substitute for the motion requesting him to locate, that his relation be changed from supernumerary to superannuated. This motion was substituted, the substitute was then adopted, and the relation was so changed.

Adjournment. — After various notices, it having been previously moved by W. T. Worth that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2.30, the Conference, on motion, adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Dr. M. C. B. Mason.

SECOND SESSION.

Opening.—At 2.30 the Conference assembled, according to adjournment, and devotions were conducted by Alfred A. Wright. The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Conference Relations. — J. D. Pickles, C. E. Davis and S. F. Upham, asked to be excused from further service on the Committee on Conference Relations. They were excused, and Jesse Wagner, F. H. Knight, and Geo. H. Clarke were appointed in their places.

Courtesy. — On motion of W. S. Worth it was voted that we acknowledge the courteous invitation of Dr. John E. Tuttle to attend an organ recital in the new Union Church this afternoon and record our regret that we are unable to attend it.

Reports. — Reports were read by James Mudge for the Conference Missionary Society, by Geo. H. Clarke for the S. S. Society, by Geo. S. Chadbourne for the Church Aid Society, and these

were adopted. J. M. Leonard, Conference Treasurer, presented his report, which was adopted. The report of the Treasurer of the Conference Bureau was presented and adopted; also a supplementary report on City Missions presented by G. S. Chadbourne.

Fourth Question. — The fourth question, "Who have been received on trial?" was taken up. Wilbur T. Hale, Eaton B. Marshall and Geo. B. Dean, being duly recommended by their Quarterly Conferences, favorably reported by the Board of Examiners and by their Presiding Elders, were received on trial; Brothers Hale and Dean in the studies of the first year, and Brother Marshall in the studies of the third year.

Transfers. — The Bishop announced the transfers, eleven in and eight out, after which Joseph H. Mansfield moved, and the Conference voted, that the Bishop be requested to appoint A. B. Kendig Conference Evangelist.

Easter. — On motion of F. N. Upham, the Conference voted that we request the Board of Bishops to arrange the date of our session in the future so that Conference Sunday will not be Easter.

Conference Bureau. — On motion of T. C. Watkins, W. B. Toulmin and C. DeWitt Marcy were made members of the Conference Bureau for five years.

Nominations.—The Bishop presented nominations for the Boards of Church Location and Church Extension, the Board of Examiners, the Triers of Appeals and the Preacher of the Missionary Sermon, which were confirmed. On motion of James Mudge, Charles A. Crane was nominated to preach the Conference Sermon.

Resolutions.—Resolutions of highest appreciation in regard to Bishops Newman and Mallalieu presented by J. D. Pickles, and seconded in behalf of the Presiding Elders by J. O. Knowles, were unanimously passed by a rising vote. A hearty vote of thanks to the trustees of Trinity Church, and its pastor, R. F. Holway, to the press of Worcester, the railway authorities, the people of Worcester, who have so kindly entertained us, to the secretaries and treasurer, was moved by J. R. Cushing and W. T. Worth, and unanimously voted.

Superannuates' Home. — A telegram having been received respecting the action of the New York East Conference looking toward the securement of the Aldine Hotel, Saratoga, for a Superannuates' Home, the Conference voted to co-operate in the movement, and appointed as a committee for this purpose, S. F. Upham, John Galbraith, J. W. Lindsay, G. S. Chadbourne, and George Skene.

Student Volunteers. - Mr. Fletcher S. Brockman, Travelling Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, was introduced and briefly but very earnestly addressed the Conference.

Collection. — On motion of S. F. Upham, a collection was ordered and taken for the janitor of the church.

Preachers' Aid Collection. — The business of the session having been concluded, the entire Conference and the friends assembled united, under the skilful management of L. B. Bates, in an enthusiastic and gloriously successful effort to raise one thousand dollars for the treasury of the Preachers' Aid Society.

On motion of J. M. Leonard it was voted that the collector of this money be authorized to give receipts which, when presented to the Conference Treasurer next year, shall be credited to the charges mentioned. A vote of thanks was passed to L. B. Bates for his services in raising the money.

Adjournment.— It was voted that after devotional exercises, the reading and approval of the Minutes and the reading of the appointments, the Conference stand adjourned. The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved. "A Charge to keep I have," was sung, prayer was offered by S. F. Upham, Bishop Mallalieu addressed the brethren, and read the appointments. Thus ended the one hundred and second session.

John P. Newman,

President.

James Mudge,

Secretary.

VIII. Public Meetings.

EPWORTH LEAGUE. — The New England Conference Epworth League held its anniversary at Trinity Church, Tuesday evening. Rev. E. P. Herrick presided. Excellent music by a male quartette supported by a large chorus. Eloquent addresses by Revs. Dillon Bronson, F. N. Upham and A. B. Kendig, D. D., the latter having for his topic "Grow."

SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY. — It held its anniversary Wednesday afternoon, Rev. G. H. Clarke in the chair. Rev. J. D. Pickles, Ph. D., replied to recent charges that the Sunday School was a failure, and Rev. E. M. Taylor, D. D., discoursed on the importance of, and qualifications for, the work of the teacher.

CONFERENCE SERMON. — Given by Rev. W. I. Haven, Wednesday evening. Text, James v. 20, "He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." The great value of the soul, the vast importance of its conversion, and the preciousness of participating in the work, were strongly dwelt upon.

MISSIONARY SERMON. — Delivered at 2.30 p. m. Thursday, by Rev. C. E. Davis, from Psalm 46.11 "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah." The main theme was, God's challenges to us.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY. — Thursday evening. Both Corresponding Secretaries were present. Dr. M. C. B. Mason gave a very stirring address. Dr. J. W. Hamilton exhibited and explained a hundred or more stereopticon pictures of scenes in the South. Some negro sougs, like "Steal Away to Jesus," were thrillingly rendered by a quartette of young ministers. Rev. E. M. Taylor presided. The church was crowded.

EDUCATIONAL ANNIVERSARY.—At 2.30 Friday, President W. F. Warren, L.L. D., presided. Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., set forth the work of the Board of Education. President G. Stanley Hall of Clark University, in an address of thrilling interest, for which the Conference subsequently by vote thanked him, declared that among the great affirmations of science at the present hour were God, sin, and the need of a radical change in man's nature. Science also lays great emphasis upon life, law, and love.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY. — At 4 on Friday, Dr. L. B. Bates presided and Dr. D. H. Ela and Rev. W. A. Wood addressed the small number who tarried from the previous meeting.

WAR VETERANS.—At the close of the Conference session Friday noon, Rev. Seth C. Carey called together the veterans of the Civil War, and the following committee was appointed to arrange for an organization, and also for a public meeting at the next session of the Conference: Adjutant Seth C. Carey, Chaplain W. H. Thomas, Lieutenant W. E. Huntington.

Society for Spiritual Research.—This society, composed of some thirty-five members of the Conference, met at Grace Church, Friday evening, for its second anniversary. The topic of conversation was "How to know and do the Will of God." Principal speakers, Revs. A. Dight, C. F. Rice, James Mudge. A meeting of much profit and spiritual power, lasting from 7.30 to 9.30.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY. — Anniversary on Friday evening at Trinity Church. Address by Rev. Dr. A. G. Kynett. Singing by a mixed quartette.

Woman's Missionary Societies.—Saturday, 2 to 4 P. M., Mrs. A. F. Beiler of Washington, D. C., spoke for the Woman's Home Missionary Society; her topic "Alaska". Miss Mary A. Danforth spoke for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; her topic, "Japan, and Missionary Experiences there," which she detailed with rare power.

RECEPTION TO PREACHERS' WIVES.—This occurred at 4.30, at the spacious residence of Mrs. John Legg, and a variety of most interesting exercises took place, concluding with a bountiful collation.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—Saturday evening. Rev. F. Woods, presided. Rev. E. H. Hughes delivered a very interesting and effective address.

SUNDAY SERVICES.—The love feast at 9, and the sermon at 10.30, were both in Mechanic's Hall. Dr. S. F. Upham presided at the former. Bishop Newman preached the latter, taking as a text, John vi. 68, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." His topic was the four original religions of the world, Buddhism, Confucianism, Brahmanism, and Christianity. Christ offers to the world light, comfort, power.

At 2 P. M., three Deaconesses were consecrated in Trinity Church. And at 2.30, twenty Deacons and Elders were ordained, amid much singing and hand shaking.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY. — This great anniversary was observed as usual Sunday evening from 7 to 9. A great throng filled the church. The Treasurer, Rev. James Mudge, D. D., gave his report. Most interesting addresses were made by Rev. I. H. Correll, D. D., for twenty-five years missionary in Japan, and by Dr. J. C. Hartzell, Missionary Bishop of Africa.

IX. Appointments

East District.	1	Linden Church E. S. Best	
E. R. THORNDIKE, Presiding Elder, 98		Maplewood ChurchJ. R. Cushing	
Eastern Ave., Lynn, Mass	2	MarbleheadSupplied by W. C. Wasser	1
BallardvaleSupplied by C. L. Roberts	2	MEDFORD:	
Beverly W. N. Richardson	1	First Church Geo. S. Chadbourne	2
		HillsideSupplied by E. W. Strecker	1
Boston:		TrinityA. W. L. Nelson	2
Meridian StreetF. K. Stratton	1	WellingtonSupplied by T. J. Elliott	1
Orient HeightsL. A. Nies	2	MelroseJ. M. Leonard	3
Saratoga StreetC. A. Crane ByfieldW. J. Pomfret	2	Middleton	
Byfield Fomfret	3	Supplied by W. E. Vandermark	1
CHELSEA:		NEWBURYPORT:	
Mount Bellingham N. T. Whitaker	1	People's ChurchJerome Wood	1
Walnut Street	1	Washington StreetJ. H. Stubbs	3
Danvers, Tapleyville	1	North AndoverB. J. Johnston	2
Essex and Hamilton		North Reading . Supplied by W. E. Lang	1
Supplied by Joseph Simpson	4	PeabodyC. W. Blackett	1
Everett, First ChurchC. M. Hall Glendale	1	ReadingS. A. Bragg	3
Supplied by W. McBrackney	1	RevereSupplied by Elihu Grant	1
supplied of Williams		RockportJoseph Candlin	3
GLOUCESTER:		SALEM:	
Bay ViewCharles Nicklin	2	Lafayette StreetDillon Bronson	2
East Gloucester	0	Wesley ChurchFred H. Knight	4
Supplied by Geo. H. Rogers	3	G	
Prospect StreetG. H. Perkins RiverdaleJ. F. Mears	1 4	SAUGUS: Centre Church	
Groveland Supplied by J. C. Beckell	1	Supplied by L. I. Holway	1
Haverhill, People's Church		Cliftondale	
Supplied by E. V. Hinchliffe	2	Supplied by R. C. T. McKenzie	2
IpswichGeo. F. Durgin	3	Dorr Memorial To be supplied.	
Lawrence, Parker Street W. H. Marble	2	East SaugusSamuel Jackson	1
LYNN:		StonehamJ. W. Ward	1
Boston Street	1	Swampscott F. M. Estes	2
BroadwayArthur Bonner	2	TopsfieldSupplied by I. N. Mellish WakefieldPutnam Webber	3
First Church	3	WilmingtonSupplied by H. S. Dow	1
Highlands Supplied by Wm. Jacques	2	WinthropGeo. H. Clarke	1
Lakeside Supplied by H. E. Milnes	2		
Maple Street E. E. Small	3	J. W. F. Barnes, Chaplain of Massachuse State's Prison; member Malden Cen	
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Faulkner ChurchR. P. Walker	4	Boston, Quarterly Conference	0

C. L. Eastman, Chaplain of Immigrants'	SOMERVILLE:
Home, East Boston; member of Meridian	BroadwayFrederick Woods 2
Street Quarterly Conference 8	First Church
S. L. Gracey, Professor in Anglo-Chinese	Flint StreetF. T. Pomeroy 1
College, Foochow, China 1	Park AvenueGarrett Beekman 5
	South FraminghamAlfred Woods 5
North District.	SudburySupplied by Edward Higgins 1
North District.	Townsend
G. F. EATON, Presiding Elder, 118 Ox-	WALTHAM:
ford St., North Cambridge 5	First Church
Ashburnham	Emmanu-ElElias Hodge 4
AshlandE. H. Tunnicliffe 1	WatertownO. W. Hutchinson 3
Ayer	West Chelmsford
Berlin Supplied by J. H. Puffer 1	Supplied by W. C. Geyer 1
Boston:	WestonE. E. Abercrombie 1
Monument SquareN. B. Fisk 1	Winchester
Trinity	WoburnI. H. Packard 2
Cambridge:	Henry Lummis, Professor in Lawrence
	University, Appleton, Wis.; member of
Epworth ChurchW. N. Mason 1 Grace ChurchG. A. Phinney 3	First Church, Somerville, Quarterly Con-
Grace ChurchG. A. Phinney 3 Harvard StreetE. M. Taylor 1	ference
TrinityGeorge Whitaker 1	A. A. Wright, Dean Boston Correspond-
Clinton A. M. Osgood 2	ence School; member of Auburndale
Cochituate	Quarterly Conference 19
Concord (Norwegian and Danish)	Charles Parkhurst, Editor of Zion's Herald;
J. P. Anderson 6	member of First Church, Somerville,
East Pepperell	Quarterly Conference
Parameter	W. E Huntington, Dean College Liberal Arts, Boston University; member Newton
FITCHBURG:	Centre Quarterly Conference 13
First ChurchW. G. Richardson 1	W. O. Holway, Chaplain U. S. Navy;
West FitchburgB. F. Kingsley 3 GleasondaleA. J. Hall 2	member Watertown Quarterly Confer-
Graniteville F. B. Harvey 1	ence 26
HudsonD. H. Ela 3	Daniel Richards, Agent New England
LeominsterJ. F. Allen 3	Methodist Historical Society; member
	First Church, Somerville, Quarterly Con-
LOWELL:	ference 1
Central ChurchW. H. Meredith 1	S. H. Noon, Agent Massachusetts Total
HighlandsJ. W. Higgins 1	Abstinence Society; member Epworth
Saint Paul's L. W. Staples 1	Church, Cambridge, Quarterly Conference
Worthen StreetE. T. Curnick 5	C. H. Talmage, left without an appoint-
Lunenburg	ment to attend one of our schools.
Mariboro'A. P. Sharp 3 MaynardEdward Higgins 1	
Natick (Fisk Memorial), James Mudge 1	Court District
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Newton:	JOSEPH H. MANSFIELD, Presiding Elder,
Auburndale	37 Osborn Road, Brookline 5
Newton Church	
Newton CentreG. H. Spencer 1	Boston:
Newton Highlands T. W. Bishop 1	Allston ChurchJesse Wagner 3
Newton Lower Falls, G. W. Mansfield 1	Appleton Church
Newton Upper Falls, F. J. McConnell 2	Supplied by J. S. Tillinghast 1 Baker MemorialF. N. Upham 5
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PrincetonSupplied by W. H. Adams 2	Bromfield StreetL. B. Bates 5
SaxonvilleJohn Peterson 4	City Point

Dorchester ChurchJohn Galbraith	3	WORCESTER:	
Dorchester StreetWilliam Full	2		2
Egleston SquareW. A. Wood	2	French Mission	
First Church	2	Supplied by N. W. Deveneau	3
Forest HillsG. B. Dean	3	Grace Church W. J. Thompson	5
Highland ChurchCharles Tilton	1	Lakeview To be Supplied	
Italian ChurchGaetano Conte	6		1
		Park Avenue To be Supplied	
Jamaica Plain:		TrinityG. W. King	1
First Church	2	Webster SquareL. W. Adams	3
Saint AndrewsH. P. Rankin	2		
	3	SWEDISH:	
MattapanW. A. Mayo	4	Boston and Cambridge, Henry Hanson	5
Morgan ChapelE. J. Helms	4	East Boston. Supplied by Peter Frost	1
Mount Bowdoin.	,	GardnerJohn G. Nelson	3
Supplied by Chas, Tilton	1	LowellSvente Svenson	1
North End Church	,	LynnPeter Frost	2
Supplied by W. Morritt	1	Maplewood	4
Parkman StreetS. C. Carey	1	Quincy, Saint Paul's Hilmer Larson	1
People's TempleJ. B. Brady	5	RockportOtto Anderson	1
Revere Street		Springfield, First Church	
Supplied by W. W. Lucas	1		1
Saint John'sR. L. Greene	2	Worcester:	
Stanton AvenueC. H. Stackpole	1	Swedish FirstH. E. Whyman	4
Tremont StreetJ. D. Pickles	4	Swedish Second Nels Eagle	3
West Roxbury A. L. Squier	1	Alonzo Sanderson, Superintendent Wo	r-
Winthrop StreetGeorge Skene	1	cester City Missions; member Par	k
Brookline	5	Avenue Quarterly Conference	7
Cherry ValleyJ. H. Humphrey	1	W. F. Warren, President Boston Unive	r-
Dedham, Walnut HillJ. H. Pillsbury	1	sity; member of Tremont Street Quarter	y
East DouglasG. O. Crosby	2	Conference	31
Franklin J. P. Chadbourne	2	S. F. Upham, Professor in Drew Theologic	
HighlandvilleJ. H. Tompson	2	Seminary; member of First Church	
Holliston	1	Boston, Quarterly Conference	
Hopkinton	2	V. A. Cooper, Superintendent New Eng	
Hyde ParkG. L. Collyer	1	land Home for Little Wanderers; member	
LeicesterTo be supplied		of Winthrop Street Quarterly Confe	
MilfordG. M. Smiley	3	ence	
Millbury I. A. Mesler	1	J. C. Ferguson, President Nanyang Colleg	
North Grafton		Shanghai, China	
Supplied by I. A. Mesler	1	Daniel Steele, Instructor in New England	
NorwoodJ. W Stephans	1	Deaconess Training School; member	
OxfordF. A. Everett	4	Dorchester Church Quarterly Confe	
Plainville F. J. Hale	1	ence	
		Alfred Noon, Secretary of Massachuset	
QUINCY:		Total Abstinence Society; member	of
Atlantic Supplied by H. C. Wright	1	Parkman Street Quarterly Conference,	8
West QuincyC. W. Wilder	1	G. L. Small, Chaplain of Boston Port ar	ad
WollastonJ. E. Waterhouse	1	Seamen's Aid Society; member of Men	ri-
Shrewsbury E. E. Ayers	1	dian Street Quarterly Conference	10
SouthvilleSupplied by W. M. Cassidy	2	J. W. Lindsay, Emeritus Professor	
South WalpoleJ. P. West		Boston University; member of Bromfie	ld
Upton	3	Street Quarterly Conference	4
UxbridgeArthur Dechman	3	R. H. Walker, Professor in Folts Mission I	
Walpole Supplied by F. R. Griffith	1	stitute Herkimer, N. Y.; member of Fir	
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Westboro'Fayette Nichols	1	G. A. Crawford, Chaplain in U. S. Nav	
West Mediouy E. A. Howard	1	member of First Church, Boston, Qua	
Whitingville W. F. Lawford	2	terly Conference	

E. W. Virgin, Chaplain in Norfolk County	North Prescott and Lock's Village
House of Correction; member of Dedham,	Supplied by H. A. Jones 2
Walnut Hill, Quarterly Conference 2	Orange and South Athol F. H. Ellis 1
A. B. Kendig, Conference Evangelist; mem-	Pelham and North Amherst
ber of Brookline Quarterly Conference 1	Supplied by W. F. Jacobs 1
	Shelburne Falls 1
	Supplied by W. E. Morse 1
West District.	Southampton
	Supplied by Thomas Livingstone 1
J. O. KNOWLES, Presiding Elder, Spring-	SouthbridgeC. H. Walters 4
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Amherst J. R. Chaffee 1	South Hadley FallsJohn Mason 1
AtholJohn H. Mansfield 5	Southwick Supplied by C. A. Pickett 3
BarreTo be supplied by F. W. Collier 2	South and West Worthington
Belchertown and Dwight	Supplied by W. E. Hopkins 1
To be supplied.	SpencerR. E. Smith 1
Bernardston and Gill	SPRINGFIELD:
Supplied by F. J. Bell 2	
Blandford and RussellE. B. Marshall 1	Asbury First
Bondsville	BrightwoodL. E. Bell 1
BrookfieldJames Sutherland 1	Grace ChurchE.P. Herrick 5
CharlemontSupplied by John Wriston 1	Saint Luke's
Charlton City William Ferguson 1	State StreetW. G. Seaman 1 TrinityA.C. Skinner 1
ChesterSupplied by J. A. Betcher 2	WalesSupplied by G. L. Camp 3
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Chicopee FallsA. H. Herrick 1	First ChurchWesley Wiggin 2
Coleraine Supplied by C. P. Ketchen 2	West Warren To be supplied.
ConwayAlbert Beale 2	West Brookfield
EasthamptonE. H. Thrasher 2	To be supplied, A. B. Gifford 3
East Longmeadow	Westfield:
Supplied by E. C. Bridgham 4	
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Feeding Hills, Supplied by G. W. Crosby 1	West SpringfieldA. W. Baird 2
Florence	WilbrahamW. H. Thomas 1
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GreenfieldW. C. Townsend 1	Supplied by H. H. Weyant 2
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Appleton StreetH. L. Wriston 1	W. R. Newhall, Principal Wilbraham Acad-
HighlandsO. R. Miller 1	emy; member of Wilbraham Quarterly
Hubbardston, Supplied by W. W. Reeves 2	Conference
Leyden and East ColeraineW. T. Hale 3	Joseph Scott, Chaplain of Springfield Alms-
Ludlow CentreN. M. Caton 2	house; member of Trinity Quarterly Con-
MittineagueH. G. Buckingham 1	ference 16
MonsonA. R. Nichols 2	R. W. Cooper, Professor Wilbraham Acad-
Northampton	emy; member of Wilbraham Quarterly
North Brookfield	Conference 2
Supplied by N. L. Porter 2	G. W. Locke, left without appointment to
North DanaF. H. Wheeler 5	attend one of our schools.

X. Reports of Presiding Elders.

EAST DISTRICT.

The bright side of this district has been so abundantly portrayed by my gifted predecessor, that I will attempt no more than to gratefully acknowledge that the reception accorded me by the preachers and their churches, and the relations sustained through the year, have been all any Presiding Elder could well desire. Brother Montgomery, who was doing excellent work at Marblehead, was compelled, soon after Conference, to give up preaching. Brethren supplied his pulpit till September, when Rev. W. C. Wasser was appointed Assistant Pastor. For several months Brother Montgomery has been confined to his room, but has manifested, through all of his suffering, a patient, loving spirit. The only death occurring among our preachers' families, has been that of Brother and Sister Small's youngest child, whom the Lord took up into his arms.

Financial Condition.—The protracted financial stringency caused quite a number of the churches to allow their annual deficiencies to accumulate, until some official members can see no other way out of their difficulties but to cut down the preacher's salary. If it could always be in the case of those who have persisted in having their estimates increased, and then left to their successors the task of raising some portion of it, we would not strongly demur.

We are thankful to report that all charges but one have, this year, met their current expenses, and several have paid the deficiencies lapping over from previous years; others partly. But the effort has required so much of time and means, that we fear, in some cases, our benevolences will suffer. It will not be so at Malden Centre, where about \$5,000 have been raised for benevolences; nor at Wakefield, where all the apportionments have been met, and under as many difficulties as usually prevail.

Church Improvements—The Highlands Church, Lynn, valued at \$6,000, was dedicated, with a sermon by Bishop Foster, May 9, 1897, with a debt of \$2,200. The church at Faulkner, Malden, was moved to a more eligible lot, and enlarged at an expense of \$11,500, making it far more attractive and commodions. We regret that so much of debt has been incurred for these necessary improvements. The First Church at Medford, through its energetic and popular pastor, made quite extensive repairs, costing some \$3,000, about one third of which has been paid. The Lafayette Street Church, Salem, purchased quite a large estate, and fitted it up for a parsonage, and chapel for a Sanday school. The church at Ipswich has been greatly improved at a cost of about \$2,700, we rejoice to add, without debt. About \$400 has been expended at

South Lawrence. An organ has been put into the church at Bradford, and the building painted. Trinity Church, Lynn, has been rejuvenated, at considerable expense. Towards meeting it, \$1,500 have been subscribed. Some \$600 have been expended in painting and repairing the church at Prospect Street, Gloucester. A parsonage has been built at Tapleyville, good for any minister's family The parsonage at Beverly has been put into excellent condition. Church and parsonage have been painted at Ballardvale; the church at Topsfield shingled and frescoed; the church at St. Luke's, Lynn, painted. First Church, Lynn, put up a society house at Asbury Grove, worthy of the church and of the grounds. Melrose contemplates a new church; Hillside wants one. Saratoga Street had church and organ damaged by fire, but we hope it is losing to gain. One thousand dollars paid on debt of church at Maple Street, Lynn. A church has been organized in Glendale, a suburb of Everett, with about seventy-five members.

Revivals. — Special efforts have been put forth to secure the coming of the Kingdom of God with power. The result has been some conversions in nearly every charge; not as many as desired, and less perhaps than need have been, but there is not much real gain in having more children than are well cared for. If there is a falling off of interest in revivals, it is partly due to the kind we have had in recent years, and the little of real worth they have added to the Church.

Asbury Grove Camp-Meeting. — The week spent by various representatives of our churches in religious services in this well-equipped and delightful place, was helpful in many ways. How to secure results at our camp meetings commensurate with the outlay, is what many would like to learn.

Sunday Schools. — Special endeavors have been put forth to awaken a greater interest in qualifying for teaching. More study of the Word of God, and a deeper feeling of obligation have been produced. Great as is the work being done in this most important department of our church work, there are far greater possibilities that we must persevere in realizing.

Epworth Leagues. — I do not know of a single chapter that has been a failure. Many have been helpful in the promotion of revivals. They have stimulated social, intellectual, and devotional activities and aided in interesting and holding our young people to the Church in many ways. They have not shown any inclination to separateness from the Church, but have manifested a desire to be instructed in the best methods of promoting its welfare. The Junior Leagues are doing a work which promises more to the Church in the next twenty years than it is now receiving from the revivals of a score of years ago.

Concluding Remarks.—There has been an attempt to excite an intelligent and persistent activity in every department of church work, seeking not so much the recognition of to-day, as toiling to prepare the way for life, and life more abundantly, as the years multiply.

E. R. Thorndike.

NORTH DISTRICT.

The pastors of this district with their people make their obeisance to the Conference which, one year ago, sent them forth for service, and, through their Presiding Elder, beg leave to render the following report. Many of these pastors, like the seventy of old, return with the joy of victory; others come from the struggle "faint yet pursuing." The year has been one of unprecedented financial distress, and has taxed to the utmost the resources and business capacity of our people. Three charges were forced to reduce their estimates at the beginning of the year, and five others have failed to pay their claims in full. Seven will feel compelled to reduce expenses another year, but admidst this general gloom three societies advanced their salaries to the amount of \$750, and others have pledged themselves to an advance for the coming year. Our Trustees, notwithstanding this depression, have been able with a single exception, to meet all accruing obligations, and to do something in the way of improvements upon church property.

Improvements have been made at Monument Square, Charlestown; Grace Church, Cambridge; Broadway, Somerville; Graniteville; Maynard; Emmanu-El, Waltham; Auburndale; Rockbottom; Natick; Newton Upper Falls; Lunenburg; First Church, Somerville; Townsend; Worthen Street, Lowell; West Fitchburgh, and Newtonville. East Pepperell, by the outlay of \$300, has given to the parsonage needful modern conveniences, including steam heating. Highlands, Lowell, has expended \$500. Clinton, which has enjoyed an exceptional year along various lines of Christian work, has expended \$1,200 in extensive church and parsonage improvements. Pastor Wright's great enterprise at Cochituate approaches completion. The old edifice has been largely rebuilt and transformed at an expense of \$2,300. The reopening will occur before the spring days are over.

Sudbury has thoroughly remodelled and beautified its house of worship. A corner tower, new vestry appointments, cathedral glass windows, and new seating accommodations, give all we shall need for a generation to come. The amount expended is \$2,350. Our people at Leominster, at an expense of \$3,000, have greatly added to the convenience and attractiveness of their spacious church. They have also leased an unused lot of land for an annual rental of \$275.

Winchester is to be congratulated upon having built a large, convenient and beautiful parsonage, at a cost of about \$5,000. They likewise own a substantial house on the estate which, while it represents good rental value, will in due time be sold. Newton dedicated its unique and attractive edifice Oct. 17, 1897. Brother Dillon Bronson, under whose recent pastorate the enterprise had been carried nearly to its completion, was the selected preacher. The present pastor, Brother C. E. Holmes and his people rejoice in the completion of this great work. The entire cost was about \$49,000. At Collinsville, a suburb of Lowell, a neat mission chapel has been built and dedicated under the leadership

of Worthen Street Church, at a cost of \$1,000. Park Avenue, Somerville, will enter at once upon a much-needed enlargement of their church building, to accommodate their overflowing congregations.

It will be a pleasant surprise to this Conference to learn that a new church building is in contemplation at Rockbottom, and will probably be undertaken this present season. This village will hereafter be known as Gleasondale. With its new church, new railroad stations, electric lights, and concrete walks, it will take an honorable place among the attractive and desirable villages of our Commonwealth.

The following sums have been paid on church debts: Hudson, \$50; Ayer, \$100; Emmanu-El, Waltham, \$100; First Church, Fitchburg, \$100; Clinton, \$212; St. Paul's, Lowell, \$400; Worthen Street, \$650; Park Avenue, Somerville, \$700; Watertown, \$864; East Pepperell \$1,050; First Church, Somerville, \$1,100; Newtonville, \$2,000. Natick receives a gift of \$1,500, which, while subject to an annuity, reduces its debt by that amount. Newton Centre, by the sale of a small plot of land, reduces its debt \$2,000. Brother Knox reports \$7,000 raised towards the redemption of First Church, Waltham. By the death of Capt. George Morton, of Waltham, Emmanu-El Society will, in due time, receive a legacy of \$1,000. A gratifying reduction of interest account has been effected at Highlands, Lowell, by the refunding of its mortgage debt at 4½ per cent.

The pastors have presented our general and local benevolences with more than usual solicitude. Special discourses have been delivered, and various expedients adopted to raise our just apportionments, but our collections have doubtless suffered in the general depression. Our missionary collection will reach beyond \$7,000, but will not equal the contribution of last year. To our laymen who respond so nobly to the multiplied calls upon their generosity, we render high admiration and profound respect.

I have carefully studied our Church in its relation to our Protestant population, and I am convinced that a radical change of attitude is essential both for the Church and the communities we serve. There are thousands of people in town and city who, for some reason, have drifted from all church life. In a certain village where there are 1,000 Protestants, 500 sustain no relation to the churches. In another town of 7,500, there are 3,500 non-church attendants; another reports 2,000, and another 1,700. These instances are representative. My plea is that while we can do no less, but rather must do more, for our own congregations, we must gird ourselves for such work as has not been done in many years. This wayward population must be brought to Christ. The task is not easy. It gives no promise of early and immediate fruitage, but it ought to be done and can be done. One of our pastors has a list of seventy non-church going families for whom he and his selected people are working; another pastor succeeded in bringing sixteen such families to his church services. But first of all we must "begin at the house of God." The attendance of our own people upon public and social worship ought to be so constant and reverent, so little interrupted by cloud or storm, that it would of itself add weight to every

effort put forth. Our congregations ought to be twice their present size. Not many of them exceed or even equal the membership of the church, a membership that represents less than one half of our people. Our mid-week services should be much more largely attended by our members, and not until these things are secured can we hope for success in aggressive work. Before the drifting classes are reached we ourselves must cease to drift. The saving of men is not a lost art in our Israel. nor are revivals simply a memory to be cherished. Ours is still a revival church and in North district hundreds have been converted this conference year. Such is the extraordinary checking of our membership list, that it is probable that little if any gain will be reported; but the numbers converted and received, over and above all losses by death and removals, are over 800. Among the twoscore charges reporting conversions, Maynard receives 17; Grace, Cambridge, 17; St. Paul's, Lowell, 22; Worthen Street, 36; Auburndale, 40; Trinity, Charlestown, 40; Clinton, 70; Fitchburg First Church, 100. Mention might justly be made of a score of others, by whose labors multitudes have passed from darkness to light.

Anniversary services of great interest have been held at Berlin, Clinton, Fitchburg, and Natick.

Our mission among the French people of Lowell has prospered under the indefatigable leadership of Brother J. H. Paradis. This work is worthy of strong support, and we trust the time will come when our missionary society will more amply provide for its necessities.

I call your sympathetic attention to some of our fellow-workers who have received their highest summons. Brother W. H. Adams, A. M. Osgood, and Sister Tilton, have each buried a beloved mother during the year. Among the lamented official members are W. H. Perkins and G. E. Priest, of Watertown, Josiah Shaw, of Somerville, G. T. Whitney, of Lowell, G. N. Emory, of Waltham, C. A. Collins, of Newtonville, Hiram Leonard, of Newton, and H. M. Chase, of Hudson.

In the ministry we miss the quiet, courteous, saintly, and thoughtful Jagger. His ministry, althought not spent in conspicuous pulpits, was able, helpful, and devout. He died in the house of God, in the midst of a faithful and loving people. His widow, who had just followed her youngest son to an untimely grave, is doubly bereaved.

To Doctor Brodbeck, strong, aggressive, and pre-eminently successful, with a loving home life, a growing host of faithful friends, a future planned with high hope of largest fruitage, the summons came as to one at midday. The delirium of fever was shaken off, and in an instant, with clear vision, he beheld the King in his beauty.

To the families thus bereft we extend our deep and abiding sympathy. Lasell Seminary for young women, Auburndale, Mass. Principal, C. C. Bragdon, A. M., founded 1851; instructors, 34; students, 158; graduates, 389; property, \$150,000; endowment, none; volumes in library, 2,064; apparatus, \$2,500; patronizing conferences, no special limitation; date of commencement, June 5-8, 1898.

G. J. Eaton.

SOUTH DISTRICT.

Our report is the best that we can give after a year of struggle and work. The stress of the hard times has put heavy burdens on our pastors and people; but self-denial in giving has carried us through our current expenses in nearly every church without deficiency, and enabled us to show a good record in the benevolent collections. Our official laymen have, with the pastors, led our people in another year of good work. We humbly thank God for his guidance and help during the year.

The Pastors and their Families.—The preachers for the most part have been in excellent health, and have attended faithfully to their work. Brothers Upham, Nazarian and Wilder were compelled to lose a few Sundays on account of sickness, but were soon able to return to their work. In the good providence of God, none of the preachers in the active work have fallen in death; but we are called upon to report the death of Dr. David Sherman. We greatly miss the genial, gifted scholar and leader, who was loved and honored by us all.

Among the Superannuates is Brother L. P. Cushman. For nearly two years he has been laid aside on account of paralysis; he is comfortable and cheerful in his hours of waiting, and remembers with great satisfaction the years when he was with us in the active work. Brother G. C. Osgood is also helpless because of paralysis. He is just past middle life with no prospects of active work again, but he is wonderfully sustained by divine grace. He does not murmur at his lot. These two good men, laid aside from work, have our sympathies and prayers.

The contrasts of joy and sorrow have been very marked in some of the parsonages. Brother J. D. Pickles in the early autumn took unto himself a talented wife, fully able to adorn the home with her presence and love, and to aid in the work of the church. But there has come great anxiety into that home on account of the serious sickness of little Helen. We are glad to say that she is now improving and there is hope of recovery.

Brother J. P. Chadbourne took to himself a beautiful bride, but after a few short weeks she was stricken with serious paralysis, and anxious days of trouble have come to our brother, and there is but little hope that she can recover. The wife of Brother Geo. E. Sanderson has been compelled to undergo a difficult surgical operation, but after weeks of anxiety she is nearly recovered. There have been other cases of sickness, but there are signs of improvement and ultimate recovery.

Revival Work in the Churches. — The pastors and many of their people have labored hard to secure conversions. The results have not equalled our expectations. The report shows 300 conversions at the People's Temple, 60 at St. Johns, 60 at Bromfield Street, 60 at Tremont Street, 50 at Milford, 35 at the First Church in Boston, 31 at Parkman Street, 30 at Baker Memorial, 28 at Dorchester Street, 25 at Roslindale, and 25 at City Point. Nearly every other church on the district report more or less conversions. We are compelled to say that nearly all the revival

spirit has been seen in the last half of the year. The first half of our conference year is not marked with aggressive work, as it ought to be.

Swedish Work. — There are eleven Swedish churches in the district, and we are able to report success in this part of our work. The two large and self-supporting churches in Worcester are an inspiration to us in the work. The revival spirit has been manifest in both of these churches; the church at Quinsigamond reporting about 75 conversions. This church has paid \$300 on its debt. The other Swedish churches are aided with missionary money from the parent society. The church in Boston has paid in about \$4,000 on the expense incurred last year in completing their edifice. This church has opened a mission at Dorchester, where there is a Sunday school of 54 members. Sunday afternoon services are held and also a week-night service. This church will take up new work in South Boston and Cambridge immediately after conference. It reports over 60 conversions.

The work in Gardner, Rockport, Lynn and Quiney is retarded by the continued hard times, but commendable progress has been made during the year. The churches in Lowell and Springfield have had a good year with some conversions. In Malden we have built a parsonage at a cost of \$2,300. A little more than \$700 has been paid on debts and improvements. Services have been held in Fitchburg, Winchendon, Keene and West Chelmsford. The work has been continued in East Boston and at the North End of Boston with encouraging results. The prospect for our Swedish work was never better.

Boston City Missions. — We are glad to mention the work of this society. The superintendent, Brother C. A. Littlefield, can give you a complete report of his efficient work. The Italian work is carried on under the auspices of this society. We are gratified with its progress. During the year commendable progress has been made by the pastor, Brother Conte, and his helpers. The conversions are reported at 55, and that number has been received on probation; 47 have been received into full membership. The Sunday school now numbers 300, with an average attendance of 175. The Epworth League numbers 180. Good work pays among the Italians.

The work among the Portugese has continued as heretofore with encouraging results. The varied work of the Epworth League settlement on Hull Street has been carried on with increasing favor among the people dwelling at the North End. Jews, Portugese, Italians, Irish and others are interested and helped.

Morgan Chapel is an institutional church of the best type in a section of the city where it is most needed. At an expense of a little more than \$3,000, under the direction of the City Missionary Society and under the efficient leadership of Brother E. J. Helms, assisted by self-denying, workers, we have printing, cobbling, wood-sawing, cabinet-making, industrial schools, an employment bureau, day nursery, medical help, etc., etc. At the same time the revival work goes on in the old-time Methodist way. Nearly every week souls are seeking salvation, and many find it. The collection for foreign missions amounts to \$150.

Worcester City Missions. — The year's work under the auspices of this society is very gratifying in its results. There has been a good degree of interest in the churches and missions under the direction of the superintendent, Brother Alonzo Sanderson. Souls have been saved, and the work has been greatly strengthened. Twenty-five hundred dollars has been raised for the liquidation of the debts on the churches held in trust by this society.

Church Improvements. — Notwithstanding the stress of the hard times, we have gone forward in the improvement of our church property. A new church has been built at Southville. About \$1,500 dollars has been expended in money and lumber, the lot, the windows and labor being given. We have a gem of a chapel with a seating capacity of one hundred and seventy-five that is worth fully \$3,000. The Stanton Avenue Church has been greatly improved at a cost of \$8,300. The improvements consist of enlarged vestries for Sunday-school work, rooms for the Epworth League and the Ladies' Society, with an addition to the seating capacity of the audience room. About one half the amount needed for these improvements has been raised.

The Wollaston Chapel has been moved from its location on one side of the village, to an eligible lot in the centre. By putting vestries under the chapel, and a tower on the corner, the chapel has been transformed into an inviting and commodious church. The cost has been \$4,744, all of which has been provided for.

The City Point Church has been lifted up and completely remodelled, giving us vestries for our work, an inviting audience room, seating between four hundred and five hundred, a new organ and furnishing, all costing about \$16,000. Two stores have been built at the rear of the church, that bring us a rental of \$600 per year for the two. This takes care of the interest on \$10,000 of the debt. About \$3,000 has already been raised on subscriptions, and the pastor is at work to raise enough to bring the whole amount down to \$10,000. The new society at Forest Hills has raised \$1,300 for a chapel. This church has made commendable progress during the year. The Boston Highlands Church has been sold for \$20,000, and we hope, during the coming year, to build a church for this society and the Mt. Bowdoin Society. This will give us a strong church in a rapidly growing part of the city, and at the same time strengthen Winthrop Street, and help Methodism.

The Bethany Church at Roslindale has been painted and improved at a cost of \$600. The Hyde Park Church has been repaired at a cost of \$800. Taft Memorial at Uxbridge, Whitinsville, Upton, the Appleton Church at Neponset, and other churches have been improved at smaller cost.

We have paid off the debt of \$2,600 on the West Roxbury Church. In this we were aided by the gift of \$1,000 from A. McArthur. There has been paid \$600 on the debt on the Allston Church. The debt on the Mattapan Church has been reduced \$1,300.

At Westboro we have sold church and parsonage, which had long been encumbered with a burdensome debt, and have bought an eligible lot

on Church Street, on which there is a chapel that can be utilized in building a church at moderate cost without burdensome debt, and also a house that is new and now used for a parsonage. Some \$2,000 has already been raised by subscription and we hope soon to begin the new church. The location is a great improvement on that of the old church.

The First Church at Jamaica Plain has paid an old indebtedness of \$300, increased the pastor's salary and doubled the missionary collection.

Brookline has celebrated its forty-fifth anniversary and paid over

\$6,000 in closing up the building account of the new church.

The Benevolences.—It has been a hard year for the benevolences, but nearly all the pastors have had the courage to ask the people for generous gifts, and the people that are used to giving have not failed to respond. There will undoubtedly be some falling off in the collections, but we must wait for the returns to know how much has been raised. The First Church in Boston comes up to its grand collection of last year, \$1,471 for missions, besides giving more than \$2,000 for the city missions.

Epworth and Junior Leagues. — There are 63 Epworth Leagues on the district, with a membership of 4,637. The Junior Leagues number 48, with a membership of 1,971. The Epworth Leagues are for the most part helpful to the spiritual and social and financial interests of the church. They are holding large numbers of our young people to our church, and on the South District are not retarding the onward movement of revival. The Juniors are an enthusiastic company, and are led by some of the most efficient workers that can be found in the churches.

Chinese Schools. —We have at the present time five flourishing Chinese Sunday schools. The one at Bromfield Street is the largest, the average attendance for the year being 93 Chinese scholars. Some of the scholars have been converted, and are now members of the church. The school at People's Temple averages over 30 and is doing good work. A new school has been organized at Baker Memorial with 46 members and is growing in numbers and interest. The school in this church, Trinity, numbers 40, and the one at Grace Church in this city numbers 45. I do not hesitate to commend the teachers and officers in these five schools among the Chinese. They are doing important missionary work. It costs much self-denial on the part of the workers, but the scholars pay the expenses of their schools and also contribute of their means to send the Gospel to their friends in China.

Bequests. — The Westboro Church has received a legacy of \$635 from the estate of I. P. Brown. The Parkman Street Church has received during the year \$1,000 from the estate of Martha I. Esterbrook. Five hundred of this is left to the Sunday school and \$500 to the church. Mrs. Geo. W. Keith left a legacy of \$5,000 to the trustees of the Webster Church, also \$1,379 for the Woman's Home, and \$1,379 for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Miss Isabella McCausland left \$100 to the Webster Church. Three thousand dollars was left by C. L. Allen to the North Grafton Church, but the will was contested and we compromised for \$500. Hyde Park has received a legacy of \$500.

French Work.—Brother N. W. Deveneau has continued his work among the French Canadians. During the summer he held many openair meetings, with hundreds in attendance and listening with attention. He has families in Worcester, Milbury, Oxford, and other places, that welcome him as pastor and religious teacher.

In conclusion, let me say that I have found welcome and co-operation as I have visited the pastors and the churches. The people have given their pastors, with few exceptions, as generous salaries as last year. The pastors have given faithful work in the charges. We thank God for the victories won this year.

Boston University. - I append the following report of the University: -1. Name, Boston University, Chartered 1869. 2. President, William F. Warren. 3. Number of instructors, 136. 4. Number of students, 1.454, a gain over last year of 127. 5. Number of graduates last June, 223. 6. Number of graduates in the ministry, unknown. 7. Honorary degrees, none at any time. 8. Value of grounds, buildings and furniture, above mortgages, over \$400,000. 9. Endowment: total assets, above liabilities, last September, \$1,614,053. 10. Volumes in libraries, about 22,000. 11. Apparatus: the apparatus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is hired for the use of University classes. The University has, however, its own Astronomical Observatory fully equipped; also physical, chemical and biological laboratories in the departments of Medicine and Agriculture. 12. Specimens in cabinets: Students have the use of those of the Boston Society of Natural History. 13. Income from tuition, about \$25,000. 14. Indebtedness at close of fiscal year \$40,000. 15. Patronizing Conferences: to the school of Theology all are such. 16. Date of next commencement, June 1, 1898.

Joseph A. Mansfield.

WEST DISTRICT.

It is an honor to represent sixty-two Methodist preachers whose unstinted and cheerful devotion has made the duty of the Recording Angel a delight. The reports they bring of the year's labors show that our people are not hopelessly backslidden, that Sunday schools are not altogether useless, and that our Epworth Leagues are not dead weights on spirituality. Honest ministerial work has not been in vain.

More than others, West District can satisfy heroic men, who, like their Master, delight in sacrifices, and who find only healthful invigoration in privations. Such pastures and high altitudes are not necessary concomitants, but whoever will look in the faces of the men I represent can see that the "pulse and water" of our Delectable Mountains have made these worthies "fairer and fatter in flesh" than their brethren who have been surfeited with Ephraimitish rations of east winds.

But while the year has multiplied our blessings it has also brought the

chastening of weighty sorrows. In midsummer a brother, great in mind, great in purpose, and greater still in heart, and who for more than half a century stood strong and true among the leaders of our Conference, passed on to higher ministries; and to-day that unmatchable triumvirate, Gilbert Haven, Fales H. Newhall, and William Rice, who in their flesh made unceasing war on wrongs, and fearlessly championed all reforms, are together on shining heights in holy fellowship, and shout for joy as they see the banners of the kingdom of righteousness and peace brightening with growing splendors the horizon of earth.

The summer solstice had not passed when there were flittings from the home of Brother Simonson, heart-breaking, indeed, but for our holy faith. The charming woman, the loving wife and mother, the unselfish white-souled Christian, sharply smitten to the death, ascended quickly to her rest. We are amid infinite mysteries, we may not widely explore; but some things we know. The Divine Nature is Love, and love is the divinest passion of the human soul. If the itinerant's home was bereaved, how much more the mother's heart above? Who will say that Allwise Love did not answer to her holy, quenchless love, by sending a swift-winged messenger to give the latest born child again to her fostering care?

Of all these later years, this now closing will long be remembered for its great financial embarassments; but the returns will show a heroic sacrifice equal to the emergency.

Not West District alone, but the whole Conference is proud of Wesleyan Academy. Founded in 1817, it has made each year of its history a source of gracious blessing. A well-chosen successor of honored presidents, Rev. Dr. William Rice Newhall, seeks its prosperity with untiring energy. It has 16 instructors, having in charge 200 students. The sum of its possessions shows a valuation of \$206,000. It has endowment and scholarship funds amounting to \$66,000. There are 6,500 volumes in its library. That our people may know that it is the right place for their children, let it go on record that a gracious revival of religion prevailed during last winter's term, resulting in the marked transformation of the lives of many of the students.

Of testamentary blessings the district has received a few. Dr. Moses K. Brewer, late of Baltic, Conn., and a native of Wilbraham, left to its church \$2,000. Lucy Whitney devised to the church at Ludlow Centre \$500. Mrs. Jane Ramsey bequeathed \$2,000 to our church in Orange, and Mr. Erasnus Haston, late of North Brookfield, made our church in that village one of his residuary legatees. As a result its debt is paid, its property put in fine condition, and funds enough will remain to procure a good parsonage.

Bondsville, Charlemont, Chester, Chicopee Falls, Greenfield, Hnb-bardston, Monson, West Warren, and Saint Luke's have made more or less extensive repairs and improvements in church property. South-bridge has a new parsonage with modern improvements, and I am told that, because of the liberality of one man, it is practically paid for.

There is immense delight in Ware. Brother Fulton wisely made a new

beginning, and has wrought so skilfully that the new church is nearly completed. It will cost not far from \$14,000 and is every way satisfactory. The property, including land, will be worth \$16,000, and I dare prophesy that at the jubilee and dedication in June, to which all are hereby invited, not more than \$1,000 will remain unprovided for.

Brother Bell, stationed at the last Conference in Brightwood, Spring-field, is happy in that his flock has been organized as a society of our Church, and will take its appointment straight this year.

If in this report I have failed to say what some think I ought, I am ready to attempt a suitable supplement, and if I have praised any one or any thing more than so truthful a man should, I am willing to be the target of unlimited censorial forgiveness.

I have had an enjoyable year in the fellowship of my brethren. They pray earnestly and often, and probably never with greater satisfaction than when they face the East.

This is not to be regarded as a fault, for it is a quite general impression that some Presiding Elders have felt the same inspiration to their devotions.

For a quarter of a century I heard such wonderful reports of the grandeur and beauty spread in bewildering confusion throughout this district that I longed to see them. Four times have I travelled its length and breadth. Its spell is on me. It is manifold loveliness indescribable. I here deliberately report that, as where

"the spicy breezes Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle,"

so here

"Every prospect pleases, And only man is vile."

While this brief report will not allow the discussion of the need of our Church in Western Massachusetts, it is safe to affirm that nowhere is it more needed, and nowhere has it better opportunities for awakening religious convictions, for moulding the character of communities, and for establishing the Kingdom of Christ in the hearts of men.

The world justly lauds as heroes those who lead forlorn hopes against entrenched foes, or in the lurid hours of battle plunge into vortexes of deadly peril. We are the successors of greater heroes who dared all privations and braved all perils to save men. If there is enough of the spirit of the Fathers, enough of the spirit of our Discipline in its Covenant, to go where most needed, enough of the spirit of Jesus Christ, there will be enough volunteers to make all the waste places of this great district bud and bloom.

J. O. Knowles.

XI Reports of Conference Societies and Standing Committees.

EDUCATION.

It was at a gathering of New England Conference preachers, in 1815, that the oldest living educational institution in the Methodist Episcopal Church was founded, and from that hour this Conference has been increasingly identified with every form of educational advance. No science has been too strange, no theology too peculiar, and no pedagogic propaganda too radical for the attention of our scholars. John Wesley wrote for the motto of the old Kingswood School, "In gloriam dei, optimi, maximi; in usum ecclesiæ et rei publicæ," and the history of our schools is its happy fulfilment. They have been to the glory of God and served both Church and State. Our Conference academies not only furnish facilities for the godly training of young men and women, but have stimulated the establishment of normal and high schools where all youth may receive training without discrimination as to sex or color. Our schools of theology and colleges graduate hundreds into the service of our own and sister churches, and also have supplied leaders and inspired methods for institutions founded and supported by the State. Notwithstanding all advance in public education, - and the people rarely reduce school appropriations,—at this very hour our Methodist institutions of learning in many ways supplement and stimulate public instruction. True it is, that there is no sectarian scholarship, no Baptist multiplication table nor Methodist chemistry, but without the moral stimulus and magnificent educational endowments of these and other great religious organizations, our land would be covered with that scanty secular learning that is neither scientific nor patriotic. The religion of the common people has made possible the common school.

Moreover, our educational interest ought not to be confined to institutions officially established and maintained by our own church. It is our business to know the city kindergarten as well as the primary department of the Sabbath school, and to be as well acquainted with the town school committee as with the officers of the Epworth League. Graduates of the public high schools are to be directed to our colleges and universities, and the application of the new psychology to Bible study is yet to make sure and satisfying our Sabbath-school instruction. The pastor and public-school teacher ought to be fast friends. Each needs the other.

During the last year our brethren have readily responded to the appeals of our educational officials, and occasionally served, with special

success, the communities where they have dwelt. School committee or library trustee is a useful office that often enlarges the influence of the Methodist preacher. All the schools and colleges under our special patronage have recorded substantial advance. The special statistics are enumerated in the Presiding Elders' reports, but brief mention here is made, to indicate the scope of our work and the sweep of its success.

Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, where thorough training of youth for business, college, or professional school is afforded, reports more endowment, more scholarships, and more needs than ever before. The Smith Memorial Gymnasium fully justifies its large cost in the unequalled facilities afforded for a physical training that has in view the freedom of the whole man in Jesus Christ. The revival of this year began in the Physical Director's examination room.

Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn., rejoices in the return, after a year's absence in Europe, of President Raymond. More students and more courses of study call for larger endowment. Old Wesleyan is a stronger college with every year, and abates none of its traditional leadership.

DREW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, AT MADISON, N. J., with higher standards of scholarship, an unsurpassed library for critical theological study, splendid accommodations for students, the largest entering class in its history, a complete faculty of expert instructors, and with our own Dr. S. F. Upham, awakens the affection of many, and commands the admiration of all.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY is bigger and better than ever. One thousand four hundred and fifty-four students have been in attendance in the colleges of Agriculture and Liberal Arts and the schools of Theology, Law, Medicine, and Post-graduate Arts and Sciences, an increase of 127 over the preceding year. More significant than this increase in numbers, which is fully maintained in the School of Theology by the largest enrolment in its history, is the broadening influence, larger resources, and compelling presence of this institution among its older New England rivals. On this quarter-centennial of the University and semi-centennial of the School of Theology, we gratefully recognize the superb generosity of the founders, its special service to our Conference by the training of more than one third of our membership, the splendid significance to our Church, and the whole Church Catholic, of such a Christian institution in such a centre of culture as Boston, and the happy providence that permits our brother, Dr. Wm. F. Warren, to behold this large realization of his brave foresight and strenuous endeavor. This anniversary ought to be commemorated by many gifts that shall enable the University to multiply its beneficent activities.

LASELL SEMINARY AT AUBURNDALE continues to furnish an attractive home, where special training and original methods do much for the advanced education of young women.

THE BOSTON CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL, under the alert and aggressive guidance of Dean Wright, instructs more preachers in more ways with every year. For those of our young people who cannot reach

academy or college, its aid is almost indispensable. It opens at every door opportunity for accurate scholarship.

Our summary is not complete without mention of the continued prosperity of the Woman's College at Baltimore, and new gifts to the American University at Washington. The printed publications of all our institutions ought to occupy a familiar place in every preacher's library. Especially is it desirable that the admirable report of the Board of Edu-Methodist young people will enjoy the cation be often consulted. information. We are making notable progress in the classification and concentration of our educational institutions. The University Senate, with Dr. Charles H. Pavne as executive officer, has done what has been occasionally heroic, and always salutary, work. The standards are high and better maintained. The needless multiplication of schools is prevented. More children of the Church are helped to secure an education. But it is not to the credit of this Conference, with its enviable educational record, that beneficiaries of the Children's Day Fund, whose home residence is within our borders, received more from the general fund than our churches contributed. This means that Conferences less fortunate in location and resources than our own, not only helped maintain our institutions by sending to them their own sons and daughters, but also partly paid the bills of our own children. The Children's Day collection ought to be increased, at least sufficiently to erase this deficit.

Our interest in all educational enterprise ought to be quickened, and especially in the noble institutions and far-reaching agencies of our own Church and Conference. It is for us to complete what our fathers so grandly commenced. For the coming year we may—

- 1. Increase the Sunday-school Children's Fund by the collection taken on the second Sunday in June at a public service for the children, which is to be paid to the Board of Education at New York.
- 2. Preach, as the Discipline directs, a sermon on education, and take a public educational collection. Let this by special vote this year be given to the School of Theology of Boston University, in commemoration of its semi-centennial, and be paid to the treasurer of Boston University.
- 3. Secure students and gifts for all our institutions as opportunity affords.

We nominate D. H. Ela to be trustee of the Wesleyan Academy, to fill the unexpired term of Wm. Rice, deceased.

MISSIONARY.

The large decrease in the missionary collections which the statistical tables show—a decrease shared by all the districts and most of the charges—is a very great grief to the managers of the Conference Missionary Society, and yet we are not surprised. The continued financial stringency has, in very many cases, pressed our churches to the attermost and beyond, compelling much self-denial to maintain themselves and meet their necessary expenses. Under such circumstances they

have not found it possible to do what otherwise they would have been glad to. We hope for better things in the near future.

Some of the churches, even in this hardest year, have done most nobly. Of the grand total, \$28,895, about forty per cent has been raised by the following eighteen churches: Boston First, \$1,491; Newton Centre, \$1,325; Malden Centre, \$1,000; Tremont Street, \$900; Lynn First, \$700; St. John's, \$655; Westfield, \$582; Melrose, \$530; Springfield Trinity, \$526; Salem Lafayette Street, \$525; Hyde Park, \$440; Harvard Street, \$422; Winthrop Street, \$400; Auburndale, \$400; Worcester Trinity, \$392; Somerville First, \$385; Springfield Grace, \$367; Newton, \$357.

The list of churches contributing one dollar or more for every full member on their rolls will be found as usual to contain very many small ones; indeed, the larger part of them are of this grade. They number this year thirty-two as against thirty-six last year, and stand in the following order: Newton Centre, Boston First, Gardner, Auburndale, Lafayette Street, Southville, Morgan Chapel, Concord (Norwegian and Danish), Webster, Tremont Street, Newton, Cherry Valley, Mt. Bowdoin, Bromfield Street, East Boston (Swedish), Malden Centre, Springfield Grace, Lowell (Swedish), Jamaica Plain First, Lynn First, Newton Lower Falls, Newton Upper Falls, Boston St. John's, Mittineague, Springfield (Swedish), Boston Trinity, Hyde Park, Hudson, Jamaica Plain St. Andrew's, Harvard Street, Wilbraham, Rockbottom.

The list of Sunday schools giving twenty cents or over for every member on their rolls is 48 this year as against 40 last year, and the total of Sunday-school contributions in the Conference is more than last year, manifestly the effect of the organization of a larger number of Sunday-school missionary societies. If the Discipline were only obeyed and these societies everywhere organized, our missionary problem would be solved. The number of schools giving over thirty cents a member is eleven, and they stand in the following order: St. John's, Ipswich, Boston First, Springfield Trinity, Lowell Highlands, Clinton, Boston Highlands, Gardner (Swedish), Cherry Valley, Parkman Street, South Street, Lynn. These eleven schools gave an average of $37 \frac{1}{2}$ cents for every officer, teacher, and scholar. Had all our schools done as well we should have raised over twenty thousand dollars from them alone. We confidently look for a further progress in this direction.

We are convinced as much as ever of the paramount importance of the duty of extending the kingdom of Christ, and making all nations to know its beneficent glories. We suspect that, in spite of the hard times, if all available disciplinary means, such as the monthly missionary prayer-meeting, the thoroughly organized Sunday-school missionary society, and our inspiring missionary literature, had been faithfully used throughout the year, our contributions would show an increase rather than a decrease. We ought not to be content with simply maintaining the highest figures of the past. Better things can surely be done, and must if the world is to be saved.

We greatly regret that the praiseworthy movement to pay off our

burdensome missionary debt has not had complete success in spite of the persistent urging of the past nine months. We earnestly commend the matter to the prayerful and generous attention of all our people, especially those who have an abundance of this world's goods. Perhaps we have not all of us done our utmost to take away this reproach. It ought certainly to be removed without further delay. We hope that through the hearty co-operation of all, our Church may soon be relieved from the disgrace of this long-drawn-out encumbrance.

FREEDMEN'S AID.

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A generation has reached its mature manhood since the slave chains were broken from four millions of human beings in the terrible strife of our civil war. The problem of slavery as related to our national life was far from being settled by the outcome of our strife.

The nation found itself confronted with the herculean task of preparing for intelligent citizenship the great mass of ignorant and debauched humanity represented by the helpless freedmen in the South. Nobly did the Christian Church in the North respond to the exigencies of the hour. She poured her wealth into the stricken section with a magnanimity born of her hidden life with Christ. She gave the service of some of her choicest sons and daughters to suffer a cruel, social ostracism and in some cases martyrdom in their intense devotion to the cause.

The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society roots deeply into the history and traditions of our New England life. One generation ago our patron saint was that prince of agitators known as the New England abolitionist. It is the pride of our New England communities that our fathers did more to bring on the war for the abolition of the slave than any other section of our country.

The New England Conference in those dark days of the war furnished fifty-four ministers from her pulpits to sustain the honor of our flag, twenty-one of them acting as chaplains and thirty-three bearing arms as enlisted soldiers.

The Christian Church is looking to-day with great concern to the Dark Continent. Methodism is particularly interested in her unnumbered millions. There was her first foreign mission; there her heroes have held for two generations a far-off outpost, a citadel on the frontiers of heathenism, a torch in the midst of surrounding darkness.

Methodism now reinforces this intrepid skirmish line with Hartzell, and a few brave souls of kindred zeal and devotion. Melville B. Cox and David Livingstone, Gilbert Haven and William Taylor, are not to be forgotten.

Our New England is the special friend of Africa. Of all the American people we can least afford to now forget the negro.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," said the Almighty. It is still true; ignorance is a fell destroyer. The present dense igno-

rance of the vast multitude of Afro-Americans in the United States is the whirlwind harvest of slavery's frightful seed-sowing. War against ignorance is a war of self-defence. We recognize the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society as the great army corps, well officered and well manned; the Church must not fail as a base of supplies. We see in the work of this society a broadly patriotic effort. It is thoroughly American. At the beginning of the next century there will be 10,000,000 Africans in America, citizens of this Republic, the men among them voters. Lest they become the tools of the unprincipled politician, or the partisans of that side which offers and opens the largest purse, or the unknown quantity in every election, because the prejudice of ignorance moves them, now here, now there, the American people must educate them. Whereas in the old days, these people were cared for by masters as property, they must now be assisted by fellow-citizens as peers. A Christian education given to these people is the highest American patriotism.

The amount apportioned to our Conference for the coming year is \$7,000. In the records for the year 1895–96, we find our apportionment was \$6,193; of that apportionment our Conference raised \$5,095, leaving a shortage of \$1,028. Notwithstanding the fact that this is a great gain over the other years of our later history, we lament the condition that compels us to go upon the record with such a deficiency.

Our society adjusts itself to the work committed to their care upon the broadest Christian foundation. It carries on its work with three distinctive Christian aims in view:—

First, it seeks to establish a Christly life in the heart of the individual, thereby purifying the fountain-head of life.

Secondly, it seeks to accomplish a cultured and trained brain, recognizing the law that truth, reaching the heart through a trained mind, produces the stalwart and broad manhood necessary for wise and efficient leadership.

Thirdly, it recognizes the necessity of skilled hands in the various departments of industrial work.

We enter a word of protest at this point, in connection with that idea prevalent at the present hour, in which many friends of the freedmen affirm that his education should be confined to industrial work. We detect here the Trojan horse on the field and fear the Greeks though they bring gifts. Many whilom foes of the colored man are now his friends, seemingly. They will not fight him, they will not keep him in total ignorance, but they will patronize him. No man wants to be patronized. Manhood does not flourish under patronage.

We think this spirit is clearly discernable in much of the present popular thought concerning negro education. Educate the black man? yes! but to be a servant; polish the tool, but let it still be a tool. Teach the negro manual training; teach his wife and daughter to be my lady's maid. This is good as far as it goes, but it goes a wofully short way.

The society is to be congratulated upon its growing usefulness and the adjustment of its policy to its broadening field of opportunity, the annual

report showing the increase of students to be more than one thousand over that of the last year.

The last few years have been critical in the history of the society; the judgment and energies of the officers and managers have been taxed to the utmost. Yet we rejoice to recognize a growing interest in the various Conferences in relation to this branch of our church benevolences.

We heartily rejoice with the managers in the good fortune crowning their efforts, by which they have been able to draw men from important and responsible positions in the North to assume the leadership of our educational work in the South.

In closing this report we desire to urge each pastor in our Conference to personally consider the financial burdens under which this society is doing its Christ-like service in the South land, and measure responsibility by the field of opportunity.

TEMPERANCE.

In this Commonwealth we have the privilege of deciding whether or not the saloon shall exist as a local institution. It is the undivided opinion of your committee that, if all the members of all our Protestant churches should be leagued together in a determined and fixed purpose to use their influence and their suffrages against the liquor traffic, in ten years from to-day there would not be an open saloon in Massachusetts. But if even the Methodist preacher and his people would, year after year, present a bold front to the liquor traffic, it would not be long before all our smaller towns would be reported in the no-license column. To strengthen this statement, let us give you just a few statistics. The appointments of this Conference are located in 26 cities and 122 towns. By vote of the citizens, the legalized saloon exists in 12 of these cities and 35 of these towns. There are 115 of our churches in license territory, with a membership of 23,000. The probable reason for their being license towns and cities will appear in the following statement. In the 148 cities and towns the aggregate majority for license, last year, was 28,181. The number of registered voters not heard from at the polls was 37,470, while 10,000 of those who did vote failed to make their mark on the question of license. As the wholesale and retail, and would-be retail, dealers are all and always active in the campaign and at the polls, with their influence and their money, in order to bring out a full vote of their adherents, it is fair to presume that nine tenths of those not voting upon this question are, normally, for no-license. believe that if the 115 Methodist preachers, and the 23,000 members in this license territory, would throw the full weight of their influence in favor of bringing to the polls these recreant voters, the suppression of the saloon in the towns and smaller cities would soon be an accomplished fact. But, suppose the campaign does not reach this glorious consummation, it has, nevertheless, moulded public opinion, created wholesome temperance sentiment, and created among the children and the young

people, an abhorrence for the saloon that some of them will never outlive.

Again, the statutes of the Commonwealth, while not entirely prohibitory, are yet loaded with most destructive ammunition for warfare against the saloon. They limit and hem it in one very side. Now, there is no more effective local temperance work than the persistent stirring up of public opinion in favor of the enforcement of these laws. For instance, a great hotel comes to have such a prestige in a community that it can violate all the laws of limitation, relating to the liquor traffic, with the most perfect impunity.

The creation of a public sentiment, by the utterances of the pulpit or the press, that will make it possible for the police authorities to convict these offenders and for the commissioners to revoke their licenses, will do more for the cause of temperance and good citizenship, in a given community, than a ton of temperance literature.

To reform the drunkard and keep him reformed, even by conversion, is next to an impossibility, and the very thought of such a thing is almost an absurdity, while the open saloon blows the breath of damnation into his nostrils as he walks the streets, while its agents solicit him at every corner, and while this liquid of perdition is borne to the very doors of his wretched home.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, First, that we will endeavor to make every Methodist church a synonym for legal prohibition, Gospel temperance, law enforcement and good citizenship.

Resolved, Second, that in order to unite all the temperance forces of the land, we will give our hearty and practical endorsement to the Anti-Saloon League of America; and that to this end we will endeavor to bring about a federation of all the churches and other oganizations which have a desire for the ultimate suppression of the saloon; and that Rev. Frederick Woods, D. D., be our delegate to the convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America, to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, next October, with Rev. T. Corwin Watkins, D. D., and Rev. E. H. Hughes, as alternates.

Resolved, Third, that we recognize in the Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society a powerful ally in temperance, education and reform; that we will give it our moral and financial support, and that in turn, we will draw upon it liberally for ammunition with which to wage this warfare.

Resolved, Fourth, that, as our government institutions and departments should be examples of sobriety as well as patriotism, we heartily endorse the movement to have the sale and distribution of intoxicating liquor prohibited in all government buildings.

Resolved, Fifth, that, as patriotism and temperance have come to be so closely allied, we give our hearty approval to the movement to make temperance the central thought of our Fourth of July picnics.

Resolved, Sixth, that in common with all lovers of truth and sobriety we lament the death of that "grand old man" of the temperance cause, Neal Dow, the "father of legal prohibition."

Resolved, Seventh, that we give our hearty endorsement to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that noble company of conse-

crated women, who in time of agitation or in times of apathy, still keep the fires burning on the altars of temperance reform, and we extend to them our sympathy in this time of their sorrow, when their matchless leader, whose pure and radiant spirit was so thinly veiled here on earth, has entered into the full enjoyment of that "other worldliness" of which she so often spoke while here on earth.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The New England Conference rejoices in the great prosperity which for another year has attended the Epworth League. In the mighty host of 1,350,000 young men and women gathered together in 18,530 Chapters, we recognize great possibilities for usefulness, and discover large promise for the continued and increased efficiency of our Zion.

The Epworth League is a potent factor in the spiritual life of our churches. We note with satisfaction the statement of his conviction by our honored Bishop Ninde, who has opportunity for the widest observation, "that the testimony of pastors and presiding elders would be general and conclusive as to the religious helpfulness of the League in the great revivals which are sweeping the country."

That the League is a positive help in the spiritual work of the churches of this Conference, is the testimony of our presiding elders and of a decided majority of the 179 preachers who have returned answers to letters of inquiry.

In revival work within our bounds the League has been active. It has, indeed, in some instances, been at the very front, giving the pastor his best helpers in pushing the battle and in training young converts. It is, however, to be deeply regretted that so many of our brethren are compelled to report that the League in their churches is not a spiritual power. This is cause for fasting and prayer. It may nevertheless be a legitimate query, whether in such instances the spiritual fervor and efficiency of the League will not compare well with that of the church itself. The League is so essentially a part of the church as necessarily to partake of the character of its religious life.

Given the right hand of fellowship by pastor, officials and general membership, given their counsel, their sympathy, their prayers, the average League may, we believe, be made a most efficient help in spiritual work.

If it be an open question with any whether Methodism would be more a spiritual power without than with this its youngest organization, we answer, "The Epworth League is here, and is here, in all probability, to stay." We do well then to seize upon it as opportunity for spiritual leadership, to utilize it for spiritual ends. We strongly urge our preachers and people that they do not regard the League as an organization in any wise outside of the Church, but as a part of its innermost life, demanding its fostering care and furnishing large possibilities for spiritual achievement.

The League should welcome kindly criticism. This cannot injure but will help. We cannot admit however, as has been hinted, that the League is solely or chiefly responsible for the seeming dearth of accessions to our Methodism during the last year. As an organic part of the church, it doubtless must bear its share of responsibility as it would claim its share of glory in case of large victories; but it can by no means be held alone responsible. This were too easy a way of escape for the ministry and official membership. We recognize the fact that the League is not yet a perfect institution, but it is in process of development, and we entertain large hopes for its future.

We urge our Leagues to give always chief place to the work of the spiritual department. Their strongest effort should be put forth in soulsaving and the development of Christian character. The League which eliminates from its plan earnest spiritual work, has outlived its usefulness.

While recognizing the value and importance of social work, and believing that the League which allows its social department to exist upon paper only deprives itself of powerful assistance in securing the largest spiritual results, we yet kindly urge our young people against an excess of entertainments and social gatherings which shall dissipate energy to the detriment of distinctively religious effort.

We exhort our Leagues to largest loyalty to the church. Their interests are one. If preacher and general membership should not regard the League an organization separate from the church, no more should the League regard itself as such, but as an essential part of the church. It should live first and always to make the church a mighty power in the land. Its meetings should never supplant, but always supplement the preaching service, the prayer-meeting, the class-meeting.

We highly appreciate the great work, Christ-like in its character which, by general acknowledgment, the League is accomplishing through its department of mercy and help. Comfort and cheer are carried to the sick room, relief is afforded the poverty-stricken and distressed in vastly larger measure, surely, than before the League was born. In many of our churches, more of such blessed ministries which shall call forth from the Master the gracious utterance, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me," are performed through the League than by any other agency.

We desire, in this connection, to express our hearty appreciation of the good work of the University Settlement in Boston. Situated in the "hardest spot in New England," surrounded by squalor and vice, the Epworth League House is a centre of Christian influence, far-reaching and most blessed. In its work there is a striking exemplification of the spirit of the Master. The cost of maintaining the settlement might easily be borne by the Leagues of New England. We recommend that each Chapter promptly make an appropriation for this work at the beginning of each year.

While appreciating the good work wrought in matters educational by some Chapters of the League, we recommend a more general cultivation of the work of the literary department. We strongly advise the adoption

of the League Reading Course, and the employment of every means that may stimulate intellectual activity, beget desire for education, and produce intellectual culture on the part of our young people. Our Epworth Leagues should become good recruiting ground for the various educational institutions of our Church.

We desire to put on record our appreciation of the *Epworth Herald*, and also of the "League Department" of *Zion's Herald*, under the able editorship of our brother, Rev. F. N. Upham. A wider circulation of these papers among our League constituency will result in more vigorous life in every department of League work, in more intelligent piety, in larger loyalty to Christ and the Church.

A very important part of our work is that which is being accomplished by the Junior League.

The value of religious, missionary and temperance instruction given to the thousands of children in its membership cannot be overestimated. Instead of one third as many Junior Chapters as Senior throughout our connection as now, the former should soon equal the latter in number. We recommend the formation of a Junior Chapter wherever practicable. We heartily commend the good work of Rev. O. W. Scott, Superintendent of Junior work in the First General Conference District.

The memory of the great international covention at Toronto remains as an inspiration and a blessing.

Smaller conventions held during the year within the bounds of our own Conference have been helpful.

The biennial convention of the First General Conference District to be held in Bangor, in July, promises to be of great interest and profit, and we urge the attendance of our Epworth Leaguers. While recognizing the need and value of conventions, yet we hail with glad approval the tendency to diminish their number and improve their quality.

The affiliation of the Epworth Leaguers of our two great American Methodisms in the recent international convention was a pleasing sign of the times. We heartily approve the action of the Joint Commission appointed by the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South in "suggesting the recognition of out great biennial convention in the law of both churches."

We commend the work of Rev. W. J. Yates in securing the frequent publication of League matter in so many secular journals in all parts of our country and in Canada, and suggest to local Chapters that they request the editors of papers in their vicinity to use the "League column," which may be obtained at inexpensive rates.

We reaffirm the position which from the beginning we have taken, maintaining the necessity and wisdom of the separate organic existence of the League, but strongly favoring the most cordial relation and hearty affiliation with other young people's societies.

PREACHERS' AID.

During the past year, the Preachers' Aid Committee has had nine regular and six informal meetings. We have had the largest number of claimants in the history of the Conference. We have prayerfully and patiently considered every case, secured all the information we could from quarterly conference committees, presiding elders, pastors, and the claimants themselves, and then have done the best we could with the funds at our disposal. Many times we could not do as much as we wished for want of funds.

The treasurer reports receipts for '98, \$9,387.01; for '97, \$10,698.79; \$1,311.78 less this year.

Our apportionment for 25 preachers has been \$5,487; for 31 widows, \$3,800. Total, \$9,287.

We hope that with the revival of business interests the coming year, we may receive more from our church and other sources.

Your committee recommends the following resolutions: -

Resolved, First, that every pastor and church in our Conference be urged to raise the full amount of its apportionment the coming year.

Resolved, Second, that the attention of members of our Conference, both in the ministry and the laity, be called to the importance of increasing our permanent fund, now \$42,180.50, to \$100,000.

Resolved, Third, that we extend to the members of the church, to the Wesleyan Association, and to all others who have helped in this grand work, our hearty thanks.

Resolved, Fourth, that we extend to the noble men upon our superannuated list, and to the widows and children of our faithful brothers who have passed to their reward, our sincere sympathy in all of their conflicts and sorrows; and will ever commend them in our prayers, to our Father in heaven, who is too good to be unkind and too wise to make mistakes.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

Methodism has no finer illustration of its connectional spirit than is found in the sustentation cause. Through this organization, all of our preachers and many of our laymen are brought together in bonds of closest brotherhood. The more prosperous preachers and people can extend hands filled with gracious helpfulness of most delicate ministrations to those of our brethren who for a time are in toilsome and dreary fields of financial barrenness. Into some forty homes of our preachers this society has gone this present year carrying good cheer and helpfulness. The physical needs have been great, but the sense of brotherly love and fellowship have been many fold greater. Money is greatly needed, but Methodist ministers and their families mostly need a sense

of manliness and Christian dignity. In the Sustentation Society they find both. What a brotherhood this would be if each one helped his neighbor for his good to edification. This spirit of helpfulness is nowhere seen in brighter aspects than among those who are the recipients of these, your bounties. Take just one case for illustration: One hundred dollars is due on one charge, two years ago, which failed to be paid. Last year this brother was removed to another appointment. This year that money was paid, but the brother to whom half of it rightly belonged, wished his successor to receive it all. Such men ought to be prized and supported in their hard fields of labor. Let me cite a single case which ought to touch the heart of the most calloused and trouble the most careless. An only daughter is out of health. There is confident expectation that proper medical treatment will restore that loved child to perfect soundness. But alas! the charge is small and our funds are insufficient, and that loved child still lies upon her bed of suffering, and vet not one word of complaint comes to us from that heroic father and mother. They only write: "We had hoped"—as sad and pathetic as the wail of the unnamed disciples on the way to Emmaus. This society ought to have had funds enough to have said to that father: "Secure your physician, and here is the money to pay him."

The purpose of this society is not to build churches or parsonages nor to repair the same, but it is to build and repair human bodies and to kindle anew the spirit of hope and confidence in human hearts. In many of our country towns and villages there are good houses of worship and comfortable homes for the preachers; but quite often there is little money with which to feed and clothe both the preachers and the families. These towns and villages, small as they are, are important points, for from them flows a constant stream of fresh, warm life into the city churches. To let these die would be as fatal as to let the springs dry up which feed the great rivers. Therefore, because every one of us are doubly blessed—blessed in giving and receiving—we must urgently request that all of our ministers should see to it that the Sustentation Fund should have careful and early consideration, and that at least \$2,500 should be at our disposal for the ensuing year.

A word of caution may not be out of place. It is not the purpose of this society to pay the debts of our younger preachers which have been contracted in acquiring an education. Do not make application to us on that ground. Neither is it our purpose to begin on cases early and continue long, until they have become perennial. Our presiding elders are urged to have such a warm side to our brethren, in difficult fields of labor, that they will be perfectly free to open their hearts to them in most loving confidence and yet be so considerate in their applications that they may not too seriously embarrass the work of the committee.

CHURCH AID.

The income of the year now closing is about two thousand dollars less than that which was received last year. The decrease is doubtless due to the financial stringency which has affected all our benevolent contributions. In view of this, the amount seems quite a creditable one. The ministers who have presented their cases, and taken the collections have made diligent and faithful effort to secure as good results as possible, and the responses have, in most cases, been quite up to the ability of the people.

At the annual meeting in May, twenty churches were authorized to ask contributions in aid of their work, and in response to their appeals the sum of \$5,039 was given. To most of them the money has been a much needed help, and has aided in that amount to the value of our church property, besides giving great encouragement to some of the weaker and struggling bodies of the Conference. The society now, as in the past, proves its right to exist and to ask the gifts of our churches by the manifest evidences of its great usefulness.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school occupies an exceedingly important place in the work of our church. It is the only connecting link between the church and hundreds of homes; it is the only place where thousands of scholars come into contact with the Bible or with Christian influences; it is a place in which the instruction of the pulpit may be supplemented by faithful teachers; and it is a place in which multitudes of souls may be won to the Lord Jesus Christ, and Christians may be led into a more intelligent and complete religious experience. Time, money, labor and brains may profitably be employed in this department of the church.

So important is this work that great care should be exercised in the selection of officers and teachers, in the selection of lesson helps, periodicals, library books and song books; and a wise liberality should be manifested in furnishing appliances for successful teaching.

We rejoice in the growing interest in graded schools, normal classes, home departments, and the best features of up-to-date Sunday schools. Great improvement is being made in these particulars. It is our opinion that no better examples of the model school can be found anywhere in Methodism than in a few charges in this New England Conference. We wish that all would follow the example of the few. Nothing short of the highest degree of excellence should satisfy any pastor or Sunday-school superintendent. Our people should be urged to improve every opportunity for obtaining information and inspiration in the Sunday-school work.

To this end we call attention to the monthly meetings of the Metho-

dist Sunday School Workers' Union of Boston and vicinity, to the frequent conventions of the Massachusetts Sunday School Association, to the Chautauqua Assemblies at Laurel Park and Lakeview, and to the World's Third Sunday School Convention to be held in London in July. If one will keep eyes and ears open to learn of the best methods, and will utilize every possible aid in promoting the highest welfare of our schools, much can be easily accomplished. Rally Sunday, Ingathering Day, an occasional sermon from the pulpit, variety and dignity in the services of the school, will all help to secure the desired results.

We believe that greater effort should be made to secure the attendance of Sunday-school scholars upon the preaching services of the church. It would be far better for the boys to attend the morning services than to sell Sunday papers, take a run on the bicycle, or to loiter about the church doors until the Sunday-school hour arrives.

We fear that the work of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church is not thoroughly understood by our ministers; for, if it were, greater effort would be made to meet the apportionment to this Conference. The Union has aided during the past year 3,600 schools of our church. The amount of good accomplished is impossible to estimate. The only resources of the Union are the contributions from the charges. The amount apportioned to the New England Conference this year was \$1300, the amount received is \$446. One hundred and eleven charges have not given a cent. This ought not to be. The apportionment for the coming Conference year will be \$2,667. We hope the whole amount will be raised.

TRACTS.

Good tracts, wisely used, are not superannuated, but still remain on "the effective list" of Christian agencies.

The report of our denominational Tract Society awakens the suspicion that our churches are not using this agency as they should.

The Tract Society desires to remind us that any charge, through its pastor, is at liberty to send for tracts, in any year, to the amount of one half its last tract collection. This privilege of obtaining free tracts is generally overlooked, for in 1897 only thirty-three charges in this Conference availed themselves of this offer. Only \$57 worth of tracts were received, whereas we were entitled to \$190 worth.

We urge our preachers living up to their privilege in this direction; and if more tracts than the amount allowed are wanted we recommend that a good way to get more is to take a larger collection, thereby not only helping ourselves, but helping the Tract Society as well.

Your committee having looked through a large number of tracts, exercising great care in their selections, beg leave to commend the following, mostly recent issues, hoping that all our preachers will find the list a guide and an incentive:—

No. 2206. "Sunday Bicycle," W. N. Brodbeck, D. D.

314. "I'll Try."

245. "First." Henry Drummond.

2210. "Under Sealed Orders."
"Come into the Ark."

2294. "Mister Fearing."

2201. "How his Eyes were Opened."

2193. "Coming to Jesus." T. L. Cuyler.

239. "Sunday Newspaper." H. K. Carrol.

"Story of Mary Reed."

2163. "Young Man, Don't Drift." F. B. Meyer.

IN EPWORTH LEAGUE SERIES.

"A Kind Word Concerning some Questionable Amusements." F. N. Upham.

2116. The Christian's Helper and Holder." T. L. Cuyler.

2117. "Are you Seeking after Christ?" T. L. Cuyler.

DEACONESS BOARD.

The Valkyrie of the Niebelungen stories took from the battle-field of earth the sturdiest warriors for their celestial armies. Do the angels of our Christian faith watch the church militant with like purpose? It sometimes seems as if this could be the only explanation of such a providence as removes from our midst the one who for eight successive years served both as the head of the deaconess movement in New England and the chairman of your Conference Board, Dr. Wm. Nast Brodbeck. Who shall speak fittingly of his eminent services to this movement?

But causes must go on. The deaconess work is no exception.

The record of the year is a most satisfactory one, almost a too satisfactory one, for we report crowded quarters and an increasing need of enlargement. The two buildings on Massachusetts Avenue in Boston are altogether insufficient. Seven rooms outside have been taken, and still there is demand for more room.

A movement has been begun to secure an unusually attractive site on the Back Bay in Boston for the Hospital buildings, a site open to sun and air and yet accessive to the heart of the city. We hope that this movement will succeed. It must succeed.

You are well aware that the work under the general supervision of this Conference includes:

- 1. A Training School for Deaconesses and Christian workers.
- 2. A Deaconess Home for the licensed deaconesses working in and about Boston, except such as are parish deaconesses.
- 3. A Deaconess Hospital, which is in charge of licensed nurse deaconesses.
- 4. Deaconesses working in connection with parishes and living in the parish itself.

The Training School has this year made noticeable advancement. The two year's course of study has been mapped out and perfected. The classes have increased in numbers. Great credit is due Miss Hibbard, the principal, and the members of the Training School Committee, who have given much thought to these changes.

A course well worthy the attention of any young person who wishes to do Christian work is now provided at the school. The seventh annual commencement of the school was held at the Tremout Street Church on the afternoon of May 4, 1897, when the large audience present greatly enjoyed the address of Bishop W. X. Ninde. The following young women received diplomas; Miss Emma Mae Chisholm, Miss Josephine S. Fisk, and Mrs. Kate M. Cooper.

The Deaconess Home is indeed a Christian home for the young women who are visiting deaconesses, those who are nurses in the Hospital, and those who are in the Training School classes.

There are in all twenty-five in residence. The visiting deaconesses have this year been at work in connection with the Swedish churches in Maplewood and Everett; Grace Church, Cambridge; St. John's, South Boston; Dorchester; Winthrop Street, Roxbury; Trinity, Charlestown; Atlantic, Forest Hills; Mt. Bowdoin; Morgan Chapel; the University Settlement; Lenox Street Chapel; and Maranatha Mission.

The Hospital has had a most prosperous year.

The statistical work of the second year in the Hospital will be distributed in the Conference in leaflet form, but a few items may be mentioned here. The whole number of patients treated since the opening, Feb. 5, 1896, is 365. Of these 60 were medical and 283 surgical cases, with 22 others of various kinds; 216 came from Boston and vicinity, 107 from Massachusetts outside of Boston and vicinity, 27 from other States, and 15 from Canada and elsewhere.

These patients represent 17 nationalities and 14 religious denominations. They represent 49 different employments, and range in age from under 1 to 85 years; 36 were men or boys, and 329 were women or girls.

Very many applicants for admission have been refused simply because the capacity of the hospital was altogether inadequate.

I have mentioned the plans for enlargement, and would add here a word of exhortation that we all take hold and do our best to help these women.

There is but one parish deaconess, Miss Beale, who is doing effective work in connection with the People's Temple. In these different departments of work there are now, including Miss Mary E. Lunn, the efficient superintendent, six licensed deaconesses, three applicants for license, three deaconess probationers, and fifteen Training School students and nurses who are not deaconesses; in all, a staff of twenty-seven workers.

The following statistical report of work done during the year combines that of all three departments, the Home, Training School, and Hospital:—

Calls made11,685
Occasions of prayer in calling
Occasions of Bible readings in calling
Tracts and papers distributed 5,551
Bibles distributed 51
Books and magazines distributed
Bouquets of flowers distributed
Fruit, medicine, food, etc., distributed
Garments distributed 4,656
Pieces of bedding distributed 34
Miscellaneous articles distributed
Times teaching class in Sunday school
Aggregate number taught in Sunday school
Times teaching class in Mission School
Aggregate number taught in Mission School 247
Times teaching class in Industrial School
Aggregate number taught in Industrial School 1,091
Times conducting other children's meetings 148
Aggregate number present in these meetings
Times conducting other religious meetings
Addresses made on deaconess work, etc
Hours spent in nursing25,810
Hours spent in class work (principal and other teachers) 533
Hours spent in special work
Special meetings attended
Scholars added to the Sunday school
Calls received at the Home and Hospital
Amount dispursed through Emergency r (ind\$148.24

We also submit herewith the full report of the treasurer of the Deaconess Corporation, Mrs. Isabella A. Cushing. A summary will be of interest. The Board has received and expended during the year ending March 1, 1898, \$9,748.59. It had on the same date liabilities to the amount of \$6,000, and permanent invested funds that very nearly offset this amount. A considerable subscription has also been raised toward the new Hospital land.

If this Conference will give its enthusiastic encouragement, wonderful things will be accomplished by these workers.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM MARCH 1, 1897, TO MARCH 1, 1898.

Cash on hand, March 1		\$11 55
Donations to Home	 \$903 85	5
Donations to Hospital	. 1,789 92	2
Interest on permanent funds	. 192 77	7
Income from Home and School	. 635 65	5
Income from Hospital	. 5,144 83	5
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Nurses					440	00				
Medical supplies					871	42				
Repairs					201	37				
					155	99				
Telephone					120	35				
Fuel and lights			,		419	24				
Travelling expenses					87	33				
Postage and printing			ý,		279	93				
Incidental			,		5	00				
Water Tax					30	00				
Room rent					314	75				
Interest				•	247	50				
Borrowed money (last year's not	e)				1,000	00				
Special Funds					275	00				
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We present the following as applicants for license this year: Miss Ruth G. Barr; Miss Sarah Blakeley; Miss Elizabeth M. Ruddick.

The applicants for renewal of license are: Miss Emma S. Anderson; Miss Adeliza A. Betts; Miss Edna C. Brown; Miss Lillie M. Brown; Miss Nellie L. Hibbard; Miss Carrie E. Hoxie; Miss Annette L. Lundwall; Miss Mary E. Lunn; Miss Clara M. Organ; Miss Anna C. Beale.

We also respectfully request that a column in the statistical report of the Minutes be devoted to the collections for the Deaconess Home, Training School, and Hospital.

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY.

We recognize as one of the most ominous signs of the times the increasing disposition on the part of some to question, and on the part of others to disregard, the authority and obligation of the Christian Sabbath. To our minds it bodes no good, but rather immense evil, to all the interests most valuable and dear to us. We are persuaded now, as we have ever been, that these are inseparably bound up with the right regard and observance of that day. We can find no warrant whatever, either in the Scriptures or in the lessons of history and experience, to consider and use the day as a holiday, but as a holy day, and that only. We cannot see that the command for the religious observance of the day has been annulled any more than any other of the ten precepts of the Decalogue, and we, therefore believe that obedience to it is as binding on us as is obedience to the others, and that disobedience to this, as to the others, can be followed by evil only.

As these have been the sentiments which we, as a body, have held from the beginning of our history, we desire here to repeat and reaffirm them, and, in order to give them still further practical form and effect, we adopt and send forth to our people the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That the Conference commends the work of the New England Sabbath Protective League to the churches.

- 2. That we approve of the call of the League, in connection with eight other Sabbath Observance Societies of the country, for a Lord's Day Week (April 17 to 24), and recommend that the week following Easter be annually set apart as Lord's Day Week.
- 3. That the united efforts of the different denominations and labor organizations of Massachusetts to obtain a weekly rest day has our hearty approval.
- 4. That we respectfully petition our National Congress to enact a Sunday law for our national capital.
- 5. That the committee on the observance of the Lord's Day be requested to obtain such statistics, and to use such methods during the year, as shall awaken more general interest in the observance of the Lord's Day throughout the bounds of the Conference.

SEAMEN'S AID.

It has been an exceedingly hard year for the men "who go down to the sea in ships." More than two hundred of them have been swallowed up by the hungry billows along the rock-bound shores of New England. Besides these brave men who have gone down in storm and darkness, in wreck and disaster, the blowing up of the warship "Maine" in Havana Harbor has added a peculiar horror to these dangers of the deep, and swept many of our New England sons to sudden destruction. Many other brave sailor lads have been "in perils oft," and have escaped only with their lives. These men are constantly within sight of eternity. They believe in God most profoundly. They are peculiarly susceptible to religious influence. They greatly appreciate Christian effort in their behalf.

The Gloucester Fisherman's Institute, under the lead of our brother, Rev. E. C. Charlton, is doing a grand work among the fishermen of Cape Ann. Many have been converted to God through its influence during the past year. Many have signed the total abstinence pledge, and have gone forth to lead sober and industrious lives.

The Mariners' House in North Square, Boston, sustained by the Boston Port Society, has given shelter and a Christian home to more than eight thousand sailors during the year, and our brother, Rev. Geo. S. Small, has been untiring and eminently successful in promoting their moral and spiritual welfare.

The Epworth League of Meridian Street Church, East Boston, continues with unabated zeal the work of the mission boat, "Dantic," in Boston Harbor. Consecrated young men go out every Sunday, from March to November, to the ships in the harbor, with Christian papers and gospel invitations.

Other churches doubtless have done something for these men who dare so much and suffer so much from the dangers of the sea.

Resolved, That we will continue to pray God to keep these men in the midst of their peculiar perils; to comfort the bereaved families of those who have gone down beneath the wave, and to give great efficiency to all efforts for the salvation of sailors.

ZION'S HERALD.

It is not the purpose of the Committee to burden the Conference with an extended report. We recognize and appreciate the high degree of excellence maintained in the various departments of the *Herald* during the past year. The decrease in the subscription list is small considering the financial depression through which our country is passing. We are confident that this small decrease could be entirely overcome by greater diligence on the part of the pastors in securing subscriptions.

Great credit is due to the editor and his assistants, who have given themselves without reserve to their work. We find little to criticise and much to commend in this organ of our Methodism in New England, and pledge to it our loyal and enthusiastic support.

PRISONERS.

If prisoners were known in their beginnings, doubtless a more intelligent interest would prevail as to their present status.

Why should this bit of evolution remain unknown?

Reading the article, "If Jesus should come to Boston," one would feel that in Boston at least these beginnings are all provided for. To an observer, however, the question arises, why do so many who are in our prisons feel that their presence there is due to the loss of parents, a desolate orphanage filled with distracting hardships, or positive abuse because of some one's drink habit? How is it that so many seem to have no memory of interest taken in them until in a truant school or involved in the fate of a vagrant.

Such experiences have turned many, many, to the ways of vice and crime.

It is freely admitted that under certain conditions the picture drawn in the article referred to is true. But so many children are left out of it that we are constrained to ask, Why do we not multiply day nurseries and kindergartens and enlarge school facilities; providing also care and home, if necessary, without alienation from parents, until there is room for all who are exposed to the possibility of vagrancy, or later, criminality?

The State takes care of all these when they become criminals, so-called. Why may not the State take care of them now, in the way suggested, and keep them in healthful, sweet life until they arrive at the high-school age, and introduce them to good life and useful membership of society?

Why should a working mother be compelled to lock her children in, or out, while she toils for their bread elsewhere?

Why should a mother whose husband is in prison, and who breaks down in her toil and care, be compelled to give her babes away—never more to see them perhaps—in order to save them from want and exposure for a time?

Why leave these children to the care of cities and towns, who will dispose of them and the whole matter on the grounds of shrewd, careful finance only.

The State rightly supervises our system of education, and why not extend that system so as to include every waif with or without a "settlement," and secure a chance for him or her to become a useful, perhaps honorable, citizen.

Under State control all facilities and needful conditions could be ample, rigorous, rich in resources and satisfactory.

Under different control, for many the care and education would be a failure.

If the intense pain and distress, sometimes verging upon insanity, which prisoners suffer because of the neglect or exposure of children, could be appreciated by the churches, no argument would be needed to

the accomplishment of acts necessary to the establishment of ample ways and means for the children's salvation.

It is matter for congratulation that the future of the prisoner is better cared for. In eight or nine of the largest prisons or penitentiaries in our land there have been formed "Leagues" for the purpose of aid to be better, or the best, prisoners, according to prison standards; and upon discharge from prison to be furnished a home, and quickly as possible such work as will make them independent of other aid, and afford an ample opportunity for readjustment to society, with such religious facilities as may be desired.

These Leagues already contain over a thousand members. This is the work of Mrs. Ballington Booth, and is limited only by her ability to visit the various prisons, and do the work necessary to their formation.

For a name these are called "Volunteers' Prisoners' Leagues", and they consist of prisoners who pledge themselves: To pray every morning and night; to read the Day Book (selections from Scripture) faithfully; to refrain from the use of bad language; to be faithful in the observance of prison rules and discipline, so as to become an example of good conduct; to earnestly seek to cheer and encourage others in well-doing, and right living, and to induce them to become members of the League.

The effect of this work in the prisons is to beget hope, hence a brighter life, more full of confidence, assurance of proper and needful aid to get a fair start in the world again without downfalls. So far the results have been of most cheering character, rather surpassing expectation. The movement is less than two years of age, and if it can have proper sympathy and support, bids fair to prove the best instrumentality for accomplishing the moral recovery of the prisoner that has so far been tried. Pray for it, that it may succeed as it deserves to.

May the two thoughts suggested in this report find expression in the pulpits of this Conference with such elaboration for the instruction of the people as may seem desirable. May prayers for the moral recovery of all accused of crime become common in our public services, and for all prisoners, that their sighs may come before God, that his joy, and "the garment of praise" may be given for "the spirit of heaviness," with "love and a sound mind."

XII. Reports of Special Committees.

PLAN OF CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS.

For the convenience of examiners and candidates a brief summary is here given of the regulations for the procedure of the Board of Examiners, including the disciplinary provisions prescribed by the General Conference, and the special rules adopted by the New England Conference, or by the Board itself. The Board of Examiners is appointed by the Presiding Bishop, and is continued for a term of four years, subject to reappointments. The Board organizes by electing one of its members Chairman and another Registrar, the latter to keep a permanent record of the standing of the students, and report to the Conference when required. Vacancies occurring in the Board during the year may be filled by the Chairman until the ensuing Annual Conference, when they will be filled by the Presiding Bishop.

All candidates for admission on trial, admission into full connection or ordination as local deacons or elders are examined before the Board in regard to their personal attitude toward the doctrine and polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at a meeting held at the time of the Conference session.

The various books and subjects in the prescribed courses of study are assigned by the Chairman to the members of the Board.

Each examiner is expected to furnish such information and suggestion concerning the books or subjects assigned him as will be most helpful to the students in pursuing the course of study and preparing for the examinations. Students are invited to consult personally or by letter with the examiners concerning any difficulties connected with their work.

Examinations will be held at the time and at the seat of the Annual Conference, and also at some time in November, in Boston, Worcester and Springfield. Due notice of the date will be given in *Zion's Herald* and by circular.

The examinations on the course of study for travelling preachers will be written as far as practicable. The books and studies prescribed for the fall examination are indicated in the following schedule. Those candidates who are unable to be present at either of the fall examinations may take examinations at the time of the Annual Conference. It is, however, urgently requested that all who can possibly do so take the fall examinations in the prescribed studies.

The examination of candidates for admission on trial and for ordination as local deacons or elders will be held at the time of the Annual Conference, and will be oral.

If desired, examination in a portion of the studies can be taken in November. This examination will be written, and the studies which may then be taken are indicated in the schedule.

Each examiner shall send to the Chairman of the Board a list of at least ten questions on each book or subject two weeks before the time appointed for the examinations.

Each examiner shall mark each examination, including sermons and essays, upon a scale of one hundred, and none below seventy shall pass.

Written syllabi will be required on all books prescribed to be read in the course for travelling preachers including that for admission on trial.

A syllabus must not follow a book's table of contents, but should be cast in original form, and show a careful reading of the book. Syllabi will be marked simply as satisfactory or unsatisfactory, and, if unsatisfactory, must be rewritten.

Candidates for ordination as local deacons must have read the books prescribed to be read in the local preacher's course, but no syllabi will be required. The sermons and essays in this course are supposed to have been already presented to the Quarterly Conferences, and will not be required. No substitutes for books to be read will be accepted. Each examiner shall report to the Registrar as soon as convenient, his marking on all examinations and other exercises submitted to him. Sermons, essays and syllabi may be sent to the examiner to whom they are assigned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the candidate, and the earlier this can be done the better for both parties.

A candidate who has passed a satisfactory examination in any study is excused from examination in that study, if it occurs later in another course which he is taking, except that all candidates in the second year are examined in the Discipline, unless they have already passed an examination in the edition of 1896, and all candidates for ordination as local elders are examined in Raymond's "Systematic Theology" and Hurst's "Short History of the Christian Church."

A certificate from another Conference that a candidate has passed in any study is accepted in place of an examination in that study. A certificate from any of the regular theological schools of our Church or from any institution recognized as a college by the University Senate of the Methodist Episcopal Church, stating that a candidate has passed a satisfactory examination in any of the prescribed studies, will be accepted in place of an examination in those studies, provided that the subjects on which examinations are certified have been studied in books or in courses of lectures which are full equivalents of the corresponding books in the course of study presented in the discipline.

Each examiner is to decide the question of equivalents in the studies assigned to him. All candidates desiring to present certificates in studies pursued in other than the prescribed text-books are required to communicate as early as possible with the examiners in each case and secure their approval. This must be done at the latest before March 1.

A certificate from any academy of our Church stating that a candidate has passed a satisfactory examination in "Elementary English Branches"

will be accepted in place of an examination in those studies. All certificates should be sent to the Registrar. All examinations in the Swedish language will be in charge of C. J. Wigren and Nels Eagle.

The following change in the Course for Travelling Preachers has been made. For "English and American Literature — Wheeler," substitute "English and American Literature — Beers."

The assignments for examinations for the year 1898-99 are given in the following schedule.

The studies assigned for the fall examination are indicated by an asterisk.*

COURSE OF STUDY, WITH ASSIGNMENT FOR EXAMINATIONS.

FOR TRAVELLING PREACHERS.

No. 1. FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

Examination - Elementary English Branches. Tilton.

* Life of John Wesley. - Telford. Butters.

Larger Catechism. - Nast. Tilton.

* Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1896). Jackson.

* Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience. — Merrill. Pillsbury.

Smaller Scripture History. — Smith. Dorchester.

* History of American Methodism (Abridged . - Stevens. Stackpole.

Leading Facts of American History. - Montgomery. Haven.

English and American Literature. - Beers. Jackson.

Written Sermon. Butters.

Written Essay. Stackpole.

To be read:

Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I. Dorchester.

The Revival and the Pastor. — Peck. Tilton.

Social Aspects of Christianity. — Ely. Rice.

A Short History of the English People. — Green. Townsend.

NO. 2. FIRST YEAR.

*Introduction to the Holy Scriptures (Old Testament, pages 1-447).

-- Harman. Heath.

Exegetical Studies in the Gospels. ¹ Suggestions for the Study of the English New Testament.— *Horswell*. Galbraith.

Systematic Theology, Vol. I. - Miley. Herrick.

* Plain Account of Christian Perfection. - Wesley. Stackpole.

Principles of Rhetoric. - Hill. Hughes.

Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching. — Buckley. Rice.

*Outlines of Universal History (Ancient and Mediæval). — Fisher. Townsend.

Written Sermon. Tilton.

Written Essay. Dorchester.

¹Examining committees will make selections for exegesis and notify those concerned early in each Conference year.

To be read:

Sermons, Vol. II. - Wesley. Dorchester.

The Tongue of Fire. — Arthur. Heath.

Ecclesiastical Architecture. - Martin. Haven.

The Governing Conference on Methodism. - Neely. Galbraith.

Problem of Religious Progress. — Dorchester. Holway.

NO. 3. SECOND YEAR.

Introduction to the Holy Scriptures (New Testament. Pages 448–770.) — Harman. Heath.

*Exegetical Studies in the Pauline Epistles. Suggestions for the Study of the English New Testsment.—Horswell. Galbraith.

* Systematic Theology, Vol. II. - Miley. Herrick.

*Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1896). Jackson.

Lessons in Logic. — Jevons. Bronson.

Outlines in Universal History: Modern. — Fisher. Townsend.

Written Sermon. Rice.

Written Essay. Hamilton.

To be Read:

History of Methodism (3 vols). — Stevens. Stackpole.

Christian Archæology. - Bennett. Tilton.

Digest of Methodist Law. — Merrill. Herrick.

Missions and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church (3 vols). — Reid. Haven.

The General Conference and Episcopacy. — Harris. Pillsbury.

The Modern Sunday School. — Vincent. Phinney.

No. 4. THIRD YEAR.

Biblical Hermeneutics. — Terry. Haven.

Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch (The Pentateuch and Isaiah).

- Warren. Holway.

* The Supernatural Book. — Foster. Pillsbury.

Elements of Psychology. — Hill. Hughes.

* History of the Christian Church, Vol. I. — Hurst . Knight.

Written Sermon. Galbraith.

Written Essay. Bronson.

To be Read:

Introduction to Political Economy. — Ely. Galbraith.

From Dan to Beersheba. - Newman. Phinney.

Higher Criticism. — Rischell. Hamilton.

The Epworth League: Four Wonderful Years. - Berry. Knight.

History of the Methodist Episcopal Church. (4 vols). — Stevens. Jackson.

The Historic Episcopate. — Cooke. Heath.

No. 5. FOURTH YEAR.

*The Logical Encyclopædia and Methodology. — Crooks and Hurst. Phinney.

*Exegetical Studies in Isaiah. (The Pentateuch and Isaiah.) — Warren. Holway.

Analogy of Natural and Revealed Religion. - Butler. Hamilton.

Preparation and Delivery of Sermons. — Broadus. Butters.

History of the Christian Church, Vol. II. — *Hurst*. (Until this volume is published, use Hurst's Short History, from the Reformation to the Present time.) Knight.

* Manual of Christian Evidences. - Rowe. Rice.

Written Sermon. Hughes.

Written Essay. Holway.

To be read:

Life and Epistles of St. Paul. — Conybeare and Howson. Hamilton.

History of Rationalism. — Hurst. Hughes.

Protestant Foreign Missions. - Baldwin. Bronson.

The Christian Life (Ethical). — Paulus. Pillsbury.

FOR CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL DEACONS' ORDERS.

Outlines of Bible History. — Hurst. Hamilton.

Theological Compend. — Binney. Phinney.

Christian Baptism. — Merrill. Townsend.

* Discipline (1896). Jackson.

* Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation. — Walker. Dorchester.

Systematic Theology, Vols. I., II. and III. — Raymond. Bronson.

*Short History of the Christian Church (Early and Mediæval Periods).
— Hurst. Knight.

History of American Methodism (Abridged). — Stevens. Stackpole.

* Plain Account of Christian Perfection. — Wesley. Stackpole.

* Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience. — Merrill. Pillsbury.

* Short History of the Christian Church (Reformation and Modern Period).— Hurst. Knight.

Principles of Rhetoric. — Hill. Hughes.

Introduction to the Gospel Records. - Nast. Tilton.

Digest of Methodist Law. — Merrill. Herrick.

FOR CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL ELDERS' ORDERS.

Systematic Theology, Vols. I.-III. - Raymond. Bronson.

* Short History of the Christian Church. — Hurst. Knight.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Charles F. Rice, Chairman, Springfield, Mass.; George S. Butters, Registrar, Somerville, Mass.; Dillon Bronson, W. C. Townsend, John Galbraith, F. H. Knight, L. H. Dorchester, S. Jackson, E. H. Hughes. W. I. Haven, C. H. Stackpole, G. A. Phinney, R. F. Holway, W. J. Heath, A. H. Herrick, C. Tilton, J. H. Pillsbury, F. E. E. Hamilton, Nels Eagle and C. J. Wigren.

REORGANIZATION OF THE DISTRICTS.

Whereas, a committee has been appointed by the Boston Methodist Preachers Meeting to consider and present to Bishop Newman, at this Conference, a plan for the reorganization of our Presiding Elders' districts, and

Whereas, their report seems to show that there is no insuparable barrier in the way of such reorganization, and that there are many possible and valuable benefits to accrue to our Methodism from such a change, and

Whereas, the laymen of the Conference seem to be practically unanimous in their desire for such a change, and

Whereas, the committee has had a conference with Bishop Newman in which he has suggested all that we now ask, therefore,

Resolved, that this Conference appoint a committee to consist of four members of this Conference and four laymen, one each from each district, to meet with three bishops—our two resident bishops and the bishop next to preside over this Conference—to consider the whole matter of the reorganizatian of our Presiding Elders' districts, and present a plan at an early session of our next annual Conference, for the action of the Conference, and suitable for a working basis for the bishop and cabinet of that Conference in making the appointments.

SUPERNUMERARY RELATION.

At the last annual Conference a committee was appointed "to inquire into the labors and status of the supernumerary preachers, especially those engaged in purely secular business, and to report what action, if any, should be taken by the Conference.

The committee, in entering upon its duties, considered itself bound by paragraph 194 of the Discipline, which defines a Supernumerary Minister as "one, who because of impaired health, is temporarily unable to perform full work."

Under this definition, in its application to the cases which comes before it, the committee could take one of four courses recommended:—

First. That the individual be retained on the list as supernumerary.

Second. That he be recommended to supernumerate.

Third. That he be returned to the effective ranks, or

Fourth. That he be requested to locate.

Several meetings of the committee have been held, oral or written communications have been had with each of the members on the supernumerary list, and every case carefully and fraternally considered. The brethren have met us in a most excellent and brotherly spirit, and as the names are called the committee will be prepared to recommend to the Conference such action as in their judgment seems wisest and best under

all the circumstances. The committee would further report the recommendation that the Conference appoint a standing committee of five or seven on Conference relations, which shall consider all cases of Conference readjustment.

CITY MISSIONS.

The changed conditions of modern society are making new and imperative demands on the Christian church. The tendency of population in every part of the country is towards the great centers of commercial activity. To meet the religious demands of these communities, many members of which have been and are without any church affiliation, it has been necessary to supplement the work of the ordinary church by special organizations. Methodism has always been in touch with the people, and its success has to a great extent, depended upon its maintaining its hold on the sympathies of all classes.

The Boston Missionary and Church Extension Society was organized some years ago to meet a demand for some changed methods in city evangelization. The success of this society, in view of the comparatively limited resources at its command, has, we think, been extraordinary. Not to enumerate the churches it has aided in new localities, its work among the neglected poor and some of the foreign nationalities, has been productive of marvellous results. We are glad to know from the report of the superintendent, Rev. Charles A. Littlefield, that notwithstanding the financial pressure of the past years, all the obligations of the society have been met. This has necessitated the bearing of heavy burdens on the part of some of our most generous laymen and preachers. We believe that in the near future, the churches of Boston and vicinity will see the opportunities for enlarged operations in the advanced movement for reaching all classes of society.

The Worcester City Missionary Society was organized five years ago, and its only assets were Alonzo Sanderson and the hearty sympathy of the Methodist churches in Worcester. At the end of the five years its exhibit of results is three beautiful and commodious church edifices, and two missions, all of them valued at \$40,000. On this property there is an incumbrance of only \$8,000, and this is being lessened to the amount of about \$2,500 yearly. This creditable showing is largely due to the energetic and devoted labors of the superintendent, Rev. A. Sanderson, aided by the co-operation and generous gifts of the president of the society, Mr. A. B. F. Kinney, and the constant and unstinted contributions of the Methodists of Worcester and vicinity. The churches established will soon be self-supporting, and will add not a little to the strength and effectiveness of Methodism in the city. Good congregations are already gathered in all these places of worship, and these are constantly increasing.

We submit the following resolutions: -

Resolved, 1, That we express our grateful appreciation of the services of

our brother, the Rev. C. A. Littlefield, as Secretary of the Boston Missionary and Church Extension Society for the past two years. The tact and skill he has shown in the management of its affairs, and the patience and energy with which he has met the difficulties in his way, we consider worthy of all praise. In retiring now from the office, we are sure he will carry with him the best wishes of all with whom he has been associated, and will leave to them only grateful memories of his spirit and conduct in the work in which they have been engaged.

Resolved, 2, That we commend the work of this society to our churches in Boston and vicinity, and assure them that in giving to it their sympathy and support they are aiding one of the most important interests of religion and philanthropy that is now presented to them.

XIII. Reports of Treasurers.

CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

Missionary, Church					\$21,131	
" Sunday school		c .			7,764	
Church Extension					\$2,061	\$28,895
			• •		" ,	
Sunday School Union					446	
Tract Society			• •		360	
Freedmen's Aid	• • •				4,931	
Public Educational			•	\$595		
Children's Fund				1,184		
			_		1,779	
American Bible Society .					477	
Woman's Foreign Missionar	ry Societ	v .			10,479	
Woman's Home Missionary		_			5,233	
Wolfard S 220010 D2155102415	Society	•		•		25,766
						20,100
Total Disciplinary colle	ections					\$54,661
Church Aid				, .	\$5,159	
Sustentation Fund					1,804	
City Missions					11,495	
		•	• •	• •		
Annual Conference coll	ections					18,458
						,
	OTHER :	Morres	70			
	OTHER	MONE	15			
Conference Claimants					\$5,441	
Episcopal Fund					1,669	
General Conference expense	es				2	
Total						7,112
Other Collections						18,559
Total of all moneys rep	orted to t	the Tre	easu	rer .		\$98,690
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JOEL M. LEONARD, Treasurer.

CONFERENCE BUREAU.

1897.	Dr.		
April 1,	Committee's expenses to Lowell three times, Paid T. C. Watkins for expense circulars,	\$11	26
12,	postals, etc	24	5.1
" 20,	Harry Richardson, for meals	129	
" 10,	W. T. Worth, board	6	
" 10,	Edw. Virgin's board	4	
" 20,	E. T. Curnick, board for Ministers	82	
" 18,	James Mudge, board for Ministers	33	
" 18,	C. M. Hall, board for Ministers	96	
" 18,	Fred Willcomb, expense	2	
" 18,	W. H. Boody, board for Ministers	136	
" 18,	Frank K. Stratton, board for Ministers .	482	60
" 18,	Women's Temperance Union, board for		
	Ministers	136	25
" 18,	Fred P. Gray	2	50
" 18,	J. S. Merrill, stationery	7	15
" 18,	A. P. Sharp, printing and mailing statisti-		
	cal blanks, etc	11	54
" 30,	W. Henry Hutchinson, car fares, stamps,	20.	o.~
" 20 ,	postals, etc	20 3	
Sept. 1,	Cash at Lynn Safe Deposit and Trust Co	556	
" 1,	Charles Davis, at Lowell, board	6	
1898.	Charles Davis, at howen, board	0 (50
Mar. 8,	Loring J. Axtell, books for Apportionments,	17	00
,			- \$1,775 13
1897.	Cr.		
April 7,	Balance on hand at Bank	330	51
" 7,	Interest to date	4	12
" 12,	South District	429	00
" 12,	North "	304 (
" 12,	East "	342 (
" 12,	West "	245 (
" 13,	Money Collection at Huntington Hall	67 (
" 13,	At Congregationalist Church, Evening	30 (
Mar. 8,	Lynn Safe Deposit Trust Co	8 :	
" 8,	Money drawn from bank to meet bills due,	8 6	
" 8,	Due the Treasurer	6 1	
			- \$1,775 13

W. HENRY HUTCHINSON,

Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, April 9, 1898.

A. B. F. KINNEY, Auditor.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

GENERAL FUNDS.

Investments as per report of 1897		
Total		\$26,603 88
HAMDDEN DREACHERS EUND		
HAMPDEN PREACHERS' FUND.		
Investments as per report of 1897 From income of 1897		
Total		\$8,598 62
Shepard Memorial Fund. Dudley Church " Mendon " "		\$1,000 00 249 72 133 67
Grand Total		\$36,585 89
INTEREST ACCOUNT.		
Dr.		
To Balance April 8, 1897.	\$90.19	
"Amount received from investments		
		\$1,295 36
APPROPRIATIONS.		
Cr.		
By paid Conference Missions	\$492 00	
" Preachers' Aid from Superannuate Fund\$70 00)	92 00	
" " S. O. Smith Fund\$22 00 }		
" American Bible Society" Boston University	13 00 9 00	
" Sunday School Union of M. E. Church	4 50	
" Miss. Society M. E. Church from Miss. Fund\$18 00)		
" " S. O. Smith Fund\$22 00	40 00	
" Sustentation Society from J. Shepard Fund	22 00	
" Freedmen's Aid Society from S. Shepard Fund	22 00	
" Williamsburg M. E. Church from Talbot Fund	134 00	
Granvine M. B. Church from E. Barber Fund	27 00	
" Hull M. E. Church from Tower Fund" " Hingham M. E. Church from Tower Fund	52 25	
" Beneficiaries of Special Mission Fund	22 00 285 00	
" Expense Account	80 20	
Balance	41	
		\$1,295 36
HAMPDEN PREACHERS' FUND.		
Dr.		
To Balance April 8, 1897	\$0 45	
" Amount received from investments	265 75	A000 C0
		\$266 20

APPROPRIATIONS.

Cr.

By Paid Treasurer 1	Hampden M. E. Church \$100	00
" Conference Miss	sions 5	00
" Preachers' Aid S	Society 5	00
" N. E. Education	Society 5	00
" Expense Accoun	nt	00
" Amount to be pa	aid to Permanent Fund 125	00
Balance	***********	20
		\$2

DAVID H. ELA, Treasurer.

Have examined the above accounts and found them correct with proper vouchers.

G. F. EATON, Auditor.

Worcester, April 8, 1898.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

Marc	h 31, 189	7.					
Balance	in hands	of T	reasurer	\$111	89		
Amounts	received	from	Churches	5,429	60		
"	"	66	Conference Trustees	48	00		
66	4.6	66	Chartered Fund	22	00		
66	44	66	Methodist Book Concern .	1,308	75		
"	66	44	Boston Wesleyan Assoc'n,	768	51		
"	66	6.6	Dividends and Interest .	1,698	26		
						\$9,387	01

AMOUNTS PAID DURING THE YEAR, VIZ.:

MINISTER	s.		1	widows.									
William R. Clark .				Twombly \$275 00									
Gilbert C. Osgood .		٠	350 00	King 225 00									
Charles N. Smith .			350 00	Adams 200 00									
Ebenezer A. Smith .			275 00	Spaulding 200 00									
Jonathan L. Estey .			275 00	Scott 175 00									
Edward A. Manning			275 00	Chapman 150 00									
William Wignall				Herrick 150 00									
Stephen Cushing			250 00	Hewes 150 00									
Howard C. Dunham			250 00	M. E. Smith 150 00									
Frederick T. George			250 00	Sorlin 150 00									
Victor Witting			250 00	Stevens 150 00									
William P. Blackmer			225 00	Woodbury 150 00									
William M. Hubbard			225 00	Dearborn 125 00									
William Silverthorne			$\bar{2}25 00$	Noon 125 00									
Watson W Avers			200 00	Sloper 195 00									

MINISTERS.					wı	DO	ws					
Justin S. Barrows	200	00	Sweetser	•							125	00
John Capen	200	00	Abbott								100	00
Charles H. Vinton	200	00	Bemis								100	00
Ichabod Marcy	175	00	Collyer								100	00
William McDonald	175	00	Gordon								100	00
William Merrill	175	00	Round								100	00
William J. Hambleton	100	00	Roy .								100	00
Nathaniel H. Martin	100	00	Wood.								100	00
Nathaniel J. Merrill	100	00	Gould								75	00
David Sherman	37	50	Judd .								75	00
_			Morgan								75	00
\$	5,487	50	B. H. Sn	ait	h						75	00
			Cadwell								50	00
			Godfrey								50	00
			Jones.								50	00
			Ames .								25	00
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										5	,487	
Printing and stationery.				٠	•	•	٠	•	٠	٠		00
Postage and envelopes .							٠	٠	٠		6	16
Balance in hand											89	35
										90	,387	01
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WILLARD S. ALLEN, Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and found them correct and properly vouched, and found the securities, comprising the permanent fund, to be \$42,180.50.

RICHARDSON MOFFATT, Auditor.

BOSTON, March 19, 1898.

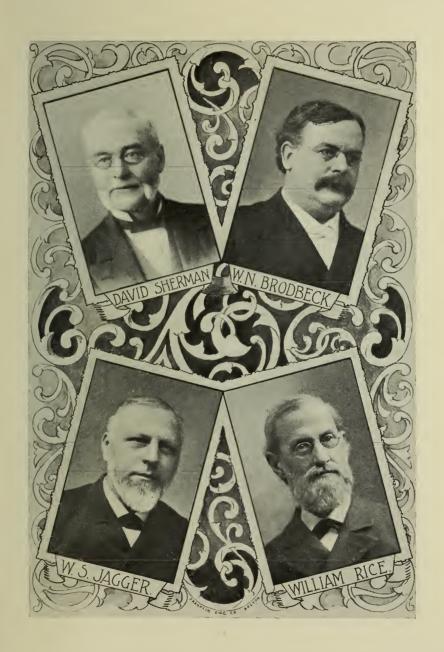
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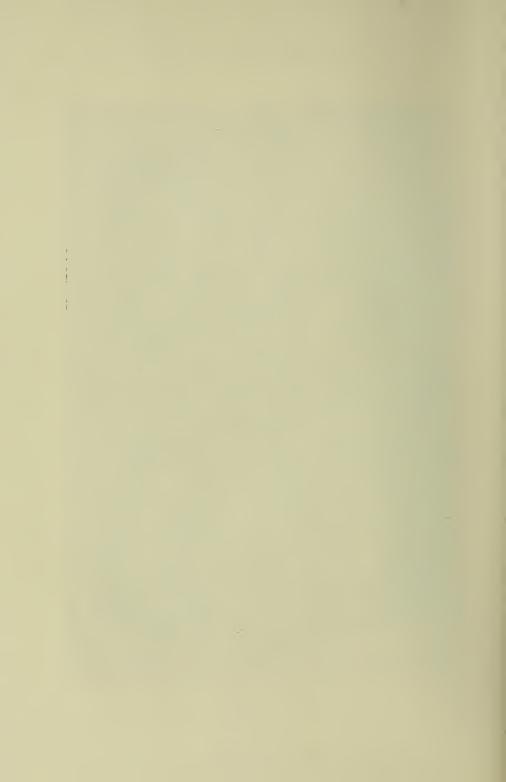
WILLIAM NAST BRODBECK.

In the death of William Nast Brodbeck, Feb. 4, 1898, Methodism lost one of its most useful ministers, and the New England Conference an adopted son whose life and work had always reflected credit upon his brethren, and had been continuously helpful to the cause of Christ. He was born in a Methodist parsonage at Marietta, Ohio, June 25, 1847. His father, Paul Brodbeck, a native of the Grand Duchy of Baden, was an honored minister in our German work; his mother, Catherine Whitbeck, was of Holland descent, born in the State of New York. His conversion was brought about when he was sixteen, through the efforts of a faithful Sunday-school teacher, and under the labors of Granville Moody, who was pastor at that time of Greene Street Church, Piqua, Ohio. Some years later he was reclaimed from a backslidden state under another pastor of that church, W. I. Fee, and on March 12, 1872, was licensed by Brother Fee as an exhorter. He had been in business and had also studied law, but he was called soon to enter the Christian ministry. Receiving a license to preach, his first sermon was on "The Glorious Gospel of Christ," and this same Gospel in its unadulterated simplicity was his one theme to the end. He entered the Cincinnati Conference, September, 1872, and two months later was united in happy wedlock to Miss Sue Carrington, the gentle, faithful spirit who survives him. Four children blessed this union, all of whom remain to cheer their widowed mother, Edith Nast, Bessie Carrington, Paul Earl, Mabel Caro.

His appointments in the Cincinnati Conference were to Tippecanoe City, Cumminsville, Avondale, Trinity Church, Xenia, St. Paul Church, Springfield, First Church, Urbana, and Walnut Hills. From the first he was popular with the people and successful in winning souls. In his first charge he not only conducted a revival, but gave inspiring leadership to the local corps of the Women's Temperance Crusade. At Springfield he had remarkable success in revival work, and under his pastorate a splendid church was built. In this society there were 162 members when his pastorate began, and after three years he left it with a membership of 579. His greatest revival was at Urbana. In thirteen weeks of meetings, conducted by himself, 328 professed conversion and 254 united with the church.

From Urbana he was removed by Bishop Merrill at the end of a year and stationed at Walnut Hills, Cincinnati. This action was the result of a conviction on the part of the bishop that Walnut Hills offered a more important field for so successful a minister. Here his former achievements as an evangelist and pastor were fully equalled, and his fame





spreading to Boston his transfer was secured by Bishop Foster in the spring of 1886 to the New England Conference, and he was stationed at Tremont Street. At this church, during five years, he received more than 600 on probation. Revival influence was almost continuous, and his reputation as a successful minister spread throughout New England.

His next appointment was to Brookline, where he remained three years, during which time one of the finest churches in the New England Conference had progressed so far towards completion that it was ready for the plastering; \$90,000 had been raised and paid on this building, and there had been two gracious revivals. His last pastorate was at Trinity Church, Charlestown, where he died, after nearly four years of successful service, beloved by the people and lamented by all the Methodists of Boston.

In addition to his work in the pastorate, he was actively identified with many good causes; had long been secretary of the Board of Trustees of Boston University, and was the efficient president from its beginning of the New England Deaconess Home, Training School and Hospital. Generously did he respond to the appeals of his brethren to help them at camp-meetings, church dedications, and in revival work, and in this way he became known and loved throughout general Methodism. To unusual gifts as a preacher he added the power of a captivating personality and a wholly consecrated life. Few who met him could fail to be impressed that he was "a good man, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost." He had a marvellous faculty for making friends, and to the many favored with his confidence he opened his heart as few men ever do, and gave his service in a manner that left nothing to be desired. After six years in the New England Conference he was elected in 1892 one of its delegates to the General Conference, and this unusual honor was repeated in 1896. In the General Conference of 1896 he was made chairman of the Committee on Missions and received about one hundred votes for the office of Missionary Secretary.

He had repeatedly declined calls to influential churches, and from a sense of duty declined, while at Brookline, to accept the position of general secretary of the Epworth League. Before he went to Brookline he also declined an invitation to First Church, Baltimore. After seven years this invitation was urgently renewed, and feeling that it was a call from God, he had decided to accept it. But the Head of the Church took him almost immediately to higher and holier service in the ranks of the church triumphant. To his Master a faithful servant; to his beloved Methodism a pillar of strength; to his family their life and soul; to his friends one of the rarest jewels that ever adorn our human fellowship,—such was William Nast Brodbeck, and all must feel like saying in view of his early death: "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth and the faithful fail from among the children of men."

Stenry Tuckley.

WILLIAM SANDS JAGGER.

The Rev. William S. Jagger was born in Lynn, Mass., June 27, 1842, and died in Graniteville, Nov. 17, 1897. When he was about two years old his family removed to Southampton, Long Island, N. Y., where his childhood and youth were passed in the usual employment and with the limited advantages of a farmer's boy, his only educational advantages being those afforded by the district school. At the age of eighteen he volunteered for service in the Union Army, and served faithfully for three years. When discharged from the army, he went immediately to Wilbraham, where he spent four years in faithful study, in Wesleyan Academy.

He was converted when about twelve years old, and through youth, in army and school life, he maintained his Christian integrity. Feeling called of God to the work of the ministry, he was licensed as a local preacher, and, in 1871, received on probation in the New England Conference, and stationed at South Athol; and successively, without interruption at South Hadley Falls, West Parish Westfield, Shelburne Falls, Palmer, Shrewsbury, Upton, Saxonville, Conway, Franklin, and Graniteville. Sept 26, 1876, he was married to Mrs. D. W. Mitchell. who shared with him the experiences of the itinerancy until his sudden removal from his profitable and blessed labors. It fell to Brother Jagger's lot to occupy in the main small and laborious fields in which he received meagre financial support, and often carried heavy burdens. But in whatever condition, he had grace therewith to be content. He was diligent in labor, faithful in every department of ministerial service, commanding the confidence of his people and presenting an example worthy of imitation. Of modest, retiring, almost timid disposition, he was never a place seeker. He was a diligent student of the Word, and his sermons were prepared with most devoted care, and in thought, arrangement and language, would have graced almost any pulpit. In his home he was a model of Christian manhood. A strong man, a gentle husband, a faithful and wise father, he so trained and guided his four step-children that they grew up to useful and honorable Christian maturity, honoring him as he had wisely loved and cared for them, and ready to declare that "father never did a wrong thing." Two of them preceded him to the Christian's rest.

Brother Jagger's death came suddenly in the midst of a congregation to whom he had just delivered an address on temperance, which he closed by saying that when his time came to go, he would like to meet death in the midst of just such company and in such work as then occupied him. There was no time for other dying testimony; there was need of none. His life in all its breadth and fulness was testimony to the truth of the gospel and the power of God's grace.

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WILLIAM RICE.

Rev. William Rice, D. D., was born in Springfield, Mass., March 10, 1821, and died in Springfield Aug. 17, 1897. He was of sturdy Puritan stock, tracing his descent, paternal and maternal, back to earliest settlers in Sudbury and Springfield. His father, William Rice, was one of the earliest and for many years the leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Springfield, and one of the founders of the Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham. In his childhood, Dr. Rice shared the religious services held by the Methodists, often in his father's house, and led by his father, and was early converted. He was slight in form and never robust physically, though having great endurance. He was intellectual in his tastes and mentally precocious. He entered Weslevan Academy when very young, and graduated with highest honors. Though so young and of such boyish presence, he was a recognized leader among the students, manifesting the independence of thought characteristic of his later life. He was then an outspoken abolitionist, much to the embarrassment of the authorities of the academy.

In 1841 he joined the New England Conference and was stationed at North Malden (now Melrose), and successively at Saugus, Marblehead, North Russell Street Boston, South Street Lynn, Chelsea, Chicopee, Bromfield Street Boston, and Park Street Chelsea.

In 1857, on account of failing health, he became supernumerary, and continued in that relation to the end, except two years' service as pastor at East Longmeadow and ten years as chaplain of the County House of Correction. But his services in the pulpit were always welcome in all the churches of Springfield and vicinity, and were gladly rendered to the full extent of his physical strength. No man was more honored or loved by all the Christian ministry who knew him, none more useful to his native city.

In 1861 he became City Librarian and held that office till his death; and mainly through his wise plans and skilful management he left it one of the finest public libraries in the State. He also served for twenty years on the School Board of the city and on the State Board of Education. He was for nearly forty years a trustee of Wesleyan Academy, and for more than twenty years a trustee of Wesleyan University.

He was twice a member of the General Conference. He served on the committee appointed to revise the Methodist hymn book, and as chairman of the sub-committee he, more than any other member, gave shape and character to our unsurpassed hymnal. Other of his literary works were a "Pastor's Manual" and a volume of "Moral and Religious Quotations from the Poets."

Sept. 13, 1843, he was married to Miss Caroline Laura North, of Lowell. Rarely is there a more perfect union on earth. Their four children, all graduates of Wesleyan University, came to honor and usefulness; three still live in the service of the church.

Dr. Rice was blessed with a remarkably clear and active mind, large

power of application, and great pertinacity. Without the training of the schools, he was a diligent student, had a wide acquaintance with books, and was fearless in the search for truth and in declaring and following his convictions. He believed profoundly in the great Christian doctrines which culminate in that of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible was to him the Book of God which he loved and studied, and so sure was he of its strength that he never feared lest, like a fragile vase, it should be shattered by handling or use.

Amid all his many and varied labors, Dr. Rice was most of all a Christian minister. He never lost his skill in pastoral work, in his prison chaplaincy ministering to the weak and the vicious in the spirit of love and righteousness; and in his wise fellowship with ministers about him, he was often a pastor of pastors. As a preacher he was attractive and instructive, and was early sought for in the best pulpits of the Conference. His ministry was attended with frequent and often sweeping revivals. He delighted in the discussion of great moral and religious questions. His rare gifts of oratory, readiness of language, intensity and clearness of thought, fervor and pathos, and his parliamentary skill made him a power in church legislation. Few men could so sway a Conference with fiery logic and appeal. But withal he made no bitter enemies; his loving spirit won sharpest antagonists to warmest friendship. With a catholic, generous spirit toward all churches, his love for the Methodist Church, in which he had dwelt from childhood, was an absorbing passion. For its life and improvement he labored, prayed and gave.

When the frail body was broken by disease and death approached, with perfect trust in the divine Saviour he turned calmly toward the mysterious exit from time, and with the prayer of the Christian poet,

"Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,"

he went to meet the Father

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DAVID SHERMAN.

Rev. David Sherman, D. D., was born in New Lebanon, N. Y., on the 17th of June, 1822. He died in Brookline, Mass., at the home of his son, Stephen Olin Sherman, Aug. 14, 1897.

In 1843, he graduated from the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Mass., and entered at once upon the active work of the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the New England Conference. For forty-nine years he served the church as pastor or presiding elder, and until the last days of his life he rendered effective service with his remarkable pen. Three times he represented New England in the General Conference.

David Sherman was an amazingly well-equipped man. He knew something of everything. He had acquired the habit of making notes and digests of his wide reading, until he had disciplined his mind to retain, to an unusual extent, the results of his researches. He was a most charming talker, taking up any theme and illuminating it with fact or incident. He was a gifted debater, — calm, confident, sagacious, holding his positions tenaciously, and routing his adversary by adroit advances. He was a radical. He believed in almost all of the progressive movements of his time, — lay delegation, woman's privilege in the government and pulpit of the church, the removal of the time limit, the restoration of the simpler and more comprehensive ethical legislation of the church, and an open field for the investigations of higher criticism. He was a philosophical radical. He believed because he had thought the matter through. He had absolutely no fear of the outcome. He was confident that Christ was in his church and that no error could successfully come up against it.

His last days were full of serene and active cheerfulness. His loyal devotion to his wife in her invalidism was but an index of the faithfulness that characterized his life.

He had great power with men. His chief works were the "History of the Discipline," and the "History of Wilbraham." But his chief work was a correspondence for the religious press of the church, unprecedented in amount and quality. His name will long be held in honor in the church.

He leaves two sons, Stephen Olin Sherman, and the Rev. Cecil R. Sherman, a beloved member of our Conference.

W. J. Staven.

LILLIE THOMPSON GRACEY.

Mrs. Lillie Thompson Gracey was born in a Methodist parsonage in Harrisburg, Penn., Jan. 29, 1839, and was promoted to her eternal reward at the United States Consulate in Foochow, China, Dec. 11, 1897.

Her father was the Rev. T. J. Thompson, D. D., a prominent member of the Philadelphia and Wilmington Conferences. She was converted to God in her sixteenth year, and was graduated from the Wesleyan Female College, Wilmington, Del., July, 1856. On Nov. 21, 1860, she was united in marriage with the Rev. S. L. Gracey, D. D., who, with one married daughter, one married and two unmarried sons, sits desolate around the family hearth-stone in China. In her death, the Church on two continents loses an accomplished and efficient servant. Born of a noble parentage, reared in an atmosphere of piety and refinement, educated in one of the best institutions of its kind in the church, it is not surprising that she became a winsome and marked personality. She was a beautiful example of ideal womanhood. Her life shone with a steady brilliancy. With utter self-abandonment she gave herself to the performance of every duty.

There was one fine quality of her character which can not more fittingly be designated than by the term gentleness; in other words, meekness, lowliness, that tender and loving spirit of adaptableness, by which she was always enabled to say the right word and to do the thing that needed to be done to relieve the widely varying wants whose appeals she was ever ready to recognize. She was deeply interested in the missionary work, and was in the vanguard of that elect sisterhood, who through the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, have carried Christ and his Gospel to many benighted souls.

When Dr. Gracey served as United States Consul to Foochow, China, by appointment of President Harrison, Mrs. Gracey went in and out among the needy women of that idolatrous community, helping up to the full measure of her strength. Her position as wife of the United States Consul enabled her, as she might not otherwise have done, to reach and influence the high-caste women of China. She improved her opportunity in this direction with characteristic fidelity.

On her return to America her services were in constant demand among the societies and conferences. In public and in private she eloquently set forth the deplorable condition of the women of China, and on their behalf she moved the church to renewed activity wherever she went.

But her work in Foochow, to which she so gladly went a second time, was destined to be of short duration. Within five months of her arrival at her field of toil she was seized with dengue fever, which at length yielded to treatment, and she began to recover, when pneumonia set in. and after lingering five days more she passed peacefully away.

Her funeral service, conducted by Bishop Joyce, was attended by all the foreigners of the community. The sorrow was universal.

Her precious dust reposes in that far-away land, but Mrs. Lillie T. Gracey lives in the Church in two continents and the power of her saintly life will increase to all generations.

George St. Cheney.

JENNIE E. (SMALL) SIMONSON.

Sister Simonson was born in Holyoke, Mass., March 7, 1870. She was the daughter of Thomas J. and Wealtha Small. During her childhood and youth she was a regular attendant of the Baptist Church. She was united in marriage to Rev. G. W. Simonson on Aug. 7, 1890, at Wilbraham, Mass.

About a year before her marriage, she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour, and found sweet peace in believing. Her consecration to the Master was entire. All her soul, her body, her time, and her talents were cheerfully and unreservedly surrendered to Christ. Her Christian life was thoroughly optimistic. She was always hopeful. Even amid trials and difficulties, she was calm and sanguine. The joy of the Lord

was her strength. Her bright, happy and consistent Christian life shone steadily and effectively for the Master. She was gifted with a rich soprano voice, and it was her special delight to sing the sweet songs of Zion. With the voice of song she has oft pleaded successfully with sinful hearts to come to Jesus. Her life was not only a life of faith, but it was pre-eminently a life of earnest, loving service. She showed her faith by her works. She followed in the footsteps of her Lord, and, in a quiet humble manner, "went about doing good." She was a faithful and devoted co-worker with her husband in all departments of the church work. Her beautiful Christian character shone brightly in her home. She was a devoted wife and mother. In all the sacred relations of the home, her life was characterized by kindness, love, peace, patience and forbearance.

Her last sickness was brief. She bore her intense sufferings in a spirit of sweet resignation and Christian fortitude. On Sunday evening, Aug. 22, fully realizing that death was near, she dictated the following testimony to be read in the prayer-meeting that evening: "Jesus is very precious. When this weak body needs Him the most, He is most precious. And, although this poor body is full of pain, Jesus is altogether precious to my soul."

On Monday morning, Aug. 23, 1897, she passed from death to life, from mortality to immortality. Her death was peaceful and triumphant. Death to her was not a dreaded enemy. It was only an agent which ushered her into the higher realities of the life beyond, into the immediate presence of her God, the fellowship of the angels and the glorified host of the redeemed. There by the tree of life, "in the midst of the paradise of God," she has found an eternal home. "To die is gain."

Besides the bereaved husband, she left two children, Alfred, 6, and George 3 years. But on Feb. 10, 1898, little Georgie passed away to be welcomed by his saintly mother. In this double affliction, our brother has our heartfelt sympathy. "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

R. E. Smith.

BETSEY HOWE SMITH.

Betsey Howe Snow, the widow of the late Rev. Isaac Smith, was born in Marlboro, Vt., Oct. 30, 1818. Dec. 28, 1897, this ripened saint was garnered for paradise from the home of her devoted son, Edwin J. Smith, in New Haven, Conn.

At the early age of eleven she gave her heart to Christ, with whom she lived in loving fellowship for nearly seventy years.

Sept. 9, 1841, was her wedding day. After their marriage Mr. Smith and herself both took a course of study at Newbury, Vt., in the seminary of which Osman C. Baker, afterwards bishop, was president. It was here that she was received into the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1843, in the Vermont and New Hampshire Conference, they received their first appointment. During the year but little cash came into their hands. They moved three times and paid their own house rent. But they were made of heroic stuff, and ere long were wanted by the best charges. In 1852 they came to the New England Conference and wrought efficiently in Milford, Leominster, Lynn and Harvard Street Church, Cambridge. At this last place, a fine house of worship was built under circumstances of great difficulty, because of the great financial depression. In these years of active itinerant life this true helpmeet, with her sweet face and gentle manners, won the hearts of the people to herself, and with her consistent piety and persuasive influence won souls to Christ.

At Chicopee the chastening hand of her Heavenly Father was placed upon her. A lovely daughter was taken first and then her noble husband. Thus began a life of special sorrow and care.

She took her boy to Wilbraham for a course in the academy. Here on "Faculty St." she mothered other boys as well. Rev. Geo. E. Sanderson of this Conference is one of those who now rise up and call her blessed.

From 1875 to 1886 she lived with her son in Worcester, Mass., where it was my privilege to be her pastor. She was a genuine Christian, prizing her Bible and seeking to be Christ-like. She lived in communion with God. She was greatly interested in the church and delighted in the services of God's house when able to attend.

For the last eleven years the family have lived in New Haven, Conn. A sufferer for many years, she was pre-eminently so the last three, when she was crippled by a fractured hip. Grace, however, gave her the victory. Surely she will be among the glorified who have come up out of great tribulation.

Her son has been to her an unspeakable blessing, sparing no pains to make mother comfortable and happy. At the beginning of the year he was called to lay away his dear wife and at its close his dear mother. He and his two motherless children affectionately and sacredly cherish the memories of the loved ones who now await them in the heavenly land.

Rev. A. D. Vail, D. D., a close friend of the family when their pastor in New Haven, attended Sister Smith's funeral. Her dust lies in the family plot at Wilmington, Vt. Her saintly spirit is with God.

W. G. Perrin.

LUCY E. GILL.

Lucy Eleanor Gill, wife of Rev. Benjamin Gill, of this Conference, died at State College, Penn., Sept. 30, 1897, aged fifty-four years.

There is no home in Christian lands, "be it ever so humble," that does not throb with joy when a sweet child is born into it.

Great was the gladness at the parsonage when Rev. Joseph Whitman, an honored member of this Conference, welcomed the heaven-sent gift to his family circle.

In due time, this lovely daughter was sent to Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., and was graduated therefrom in the class of 1865.

Here she met Benjamin Gill, of Worcester, Mass., and the old, sweet stbry found its fitting finale on April 26, 1870, when the perfume of orange blossoms filled the air and the twain were made one.

Never wife and mother more devoted than she. Never has the writer known a more beautiful exemplification of conjugal affection than this husband and wife displayed.

Two years were spent in the itinerancy; two more in weary waiting for returning health to her husband; then seventeen years of life at Wilbraham, where her husband was so long the ideal teacher of the languages.

Here her home was the resort of friends who enjoyed her unique and quiet humor, her keen wit, her genial, unselfish devotion, her candid and quaint remarks, that never left wounded feelings in their trail.

Notwithstanding her many cares, she was for years a valued correspondent for the press.

For many years a sufferer from asthma, she always seemed cheerful. Kind to the poor, generous to the church, loyal to her pastors, sympathetic in manner, lively in disposition, sincere in her expressions of devotion to her Master. This tribute, though written, con amore, by a classmate and pastor, will be instantly verified by every friend.

Five years ago, Professor Gill became a member of the Faculty at State College, Penn.

Here, in June last, Mrs. Gill's malady assumed a more serious form and on the September following, she sweetly "fell on sleep." Her precious dust rests in "The Dell" at Wilbraham; her memory is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew her.

"Love hath a lien that time nor death can sever, Our own are ours forever and forever."

John R. Cushing.

XV. Roll of the Honored Dead.

Eutered Ministry.	NAMES.	Time of Decease.	Age.	Years in Ministry.
1796	Peter Jayne	Sept. 5, 1806	28	10.
1805	Henry Martin	Dec. 6, 1808	26	3
1806	William Hunt	June 17, 1810	23	4
1806	Greenleaf R. Norris	Sept. 29, 1811	27	5
1808	Abner Clark	Feb. 20, 1814	25	6
1813	Jason Walker	April 10, 1819	26	6
1812	Richard Emery	Jan. 7, 1821	26	9
1822	Samuel G. Atkins	Feb. 27, 1826	27	4
1818	Damon Young	March 12, 1826	33	8
1809	Edward Hyde	March 16, 1832	46	23
1824	Ebenezer Ireson	Dec. 26, 1833	33	9
1817	Benjamin Keith	Feb. 11, 1834	46	17
1830	Samuel Osgood Wright	March 29, 1834	25	4
1832	Oliver E. Bosworth	March 5, 1835	26	3
1801	Phineas Peck	April 19, 1836	57	35
1828	George Stone	Dec. 30, 1838	33	10
1818	Wilbur Fisk	Feb. 22, 1839	47	21
1835	Joshua W. Downing	July 5, 1839	26	4
1837	Joseph S. Ellis	June 19, 1842	30	5
1836	William Smith	April 12, 1843	41	7
1835	James Oliver Dean	Oct. 12, 1844	34	9
1833	Jason Lee	March 12, 1845	42	12
1829	Edmund Murphy Beebe	March 19, 1845	40	16
1796	Timothy Merritt	May 2, 1845	71	49
1824	Reuben Ransom	1845	51	21
1838	James Mudge	Feb. 28, 1846	34	8
1806	Joel Steele	Aug. 23, 1846	64	40
1790	George Pickering	Dec. 8, 1846	77	56
1834	Thomas W. Gile	Oct. 7, 1847	46	13
1807	Joseph A. Merrill	July 22, 1849	64	42
1840	John Clark	Oct. 19, 1849	39	9
1838	Moses Palmer · · · · · · · · ·	March 18, 1850	35	12
1793	Enoch Mudge	April 2, 1850	74	57
1844	William Bardwell	March 27, 1851	37	7
1814	Thomas C. Pierce	May 24, 1851	62	37
1841	Charles W. Ainsworth	Sept. 23, 1851	34	10
1835	George Washington Bates.	Sept. 24, 1851	40	16
1803	Elijah Willard	Sept. 5, 1852	70	49
1828	Robert D. Esterbrook	Nov. 7, 1852	49	24
1820	Jotham Horton	Feb. 28, 1853	54	33
1807	Charles Virgin	April 1, 1853	66	46
1835	Freeman Nutting	Dec. 7, 1853	42	18
1841	Isaac Aylesworth Savage.	Feb. 16, 1854	39	13
1833	James Shepard	May 22, 1855	53	22
1834	Windsor Ward	Sept. 3, 1855	43	21
1834	Jonathan D. Bridge	July 25, 1856	44	22
1842	John W. Perkins	Feb. 8, 1858	44	16
1837	William M. Mann	Jan. 11, 1859	42	22
1812	Joseph Ireson	Sept. 5, 1859	70	47
1843	Isaac Smith	July 16, 1860	43	17
1805	Erastus Otis	Aug. 20, 1860-	77	55
1846	Joseph Augustus Adams	Aug. 27, 1860	42	1.4
1809	Amasa Taylor	Oet. 18, 1860	73	51

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1846		NAMES.	Time of Decease.	Age.	
1846	1939	Moses A Howe	Jan 27 1861	51	99
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1830	Charles Noble	March 28, 1881	75	51
1855	John Noon	Aug. 4, 1881	63	27
1872	Charles E. Seaver	Nov. 6, 1881	38	9
1843	John S. Day	March 1, 1882	65	39
1830	James W. Mowry	July 23, 1882	74	52
1830	Ephraim Scott	Oct. 5, 1882	81	52
1831	Moseley Dwight	Dec. 17, 1882	78	51
1851	Fales H. Newhall	April 8, 1883	56	32
1846	Daniel Wait	April 22, 1883	69	37
1839	Randall Mitchell	Aug. 11, 1883	71	44
1821	Samuel Kelley	Sept. 6. 1883	81	62
1847	William F. Lacount	Aug. 12, 1884	66	37
1822	Newell S. Spaulding	Aug. 17, 1884	84	62
1864	John N. Mars	Sept. 17, 1884	80	20
1828	Thomas G. Brown	March 31, 1885	86	57
1844	William A. Braman	April 11, 1885	65	40
1870	Joseph J. Woodbury	April 21, 1885	65	15
1867	George L. Westgate	June 28, 1885	42	18
1856	Jarvis A. Ames	July 18, 1885	59	29
1846	Albert C. Manson	Jan. 2, 1886	77	40
1835	Edward Otheman	March 9, 1886	76	51
1834	Daniel K. Banister	June 27, 1886 Jan. 4, 1887	88 74	52 50
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1842	Nathan A. Soule	March 26, 1887	65	45
1839	Willard Smith	Jan. 8, 1888	74	49
1841	Lorenzo R. Thayer	Feb. 25, 1888	73	47
1830	James Porter	April 16, 1888	80	58
1879	Phineas C. Sloper	June 13, 1888	35	9
1840	Zachariah A. Mudge	June 15, 1888	75	48
1871	Daniel S. Sorlin	July 27, 1888	57	17
1843	Edward Cooke	Sept. 18, 1888	- 76	45
1851	William C. High	Nov. 25, 1888	66	37
1835	Joseph W. Lewis	Jan. 17, 1889	76	54
1835	Thomas Marcy	Jan. 21, 1889	75	54
1844	Loranus Crowell	April 8, 1889	73	45
1842	Bradford K. Pierce	April 19, 1889	70	47
1852	Daniel Atkins	June 8, 1889	65	37
1855	John W. Coolidge	Oct. 14, 1889	67	34
1843	Kinsman Atkinson	Dec. 23, 1889	82	46
1837	Walter Wilkie	March 10, 1890	77	53
1854	John W. Lee	March 18, 1890	71	36
1848	John C. Smith	April 18, 1890	63	42
1842	John W. Dadmun	May 6, 1890 Nov. 18, 1890	70 58	48 32
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1833	George Sutherland	July 31, 1891	85	66
1884	Arthur W. Tirrell	Dec. 19, 1891	33	7
1859	J. Emory Round	Jan. 11, 1892	56	33
1871	S. Louis Rodgers	Feb. 29, 1892	60	21
1892	J. White McCammon	May 17, 1892	32	1 mo.
1848	Jonas M. Clark	Dec. 5, 1892	76	44
1844	John H. Twombly	Jan. 1, 1893	78	49
1871	Edward P. King	Oct. 3, 1893	50	22
1857	George Prentice	Oct. 10, 1893	59	36
1863	Charles T. Johnson	Oct. 26, 1893	55	30

ROLL OF THE HONORED DEAD. - Concluded.

Entered Ministry.	NAMES.	Time of Decease.	Age.	Years in Ministry.
1091	Mark Ctunla	Nov. 20 1002	90	CO
1831	Mark Staple	Nov. 26, 1893	89	62
1852	Andrew McKeown	Dec. 11, 1893	70	41
1873	J. Weare Dearborn	Jan. 19, 1894	45	21
1868	Henry Dorr	Feb. 5, 1894	$\frac{52}{2}$	26
1873	Henry Matthews	July 13, 1894	57	21
1859	Charles S. Rogers	July 16, 1894	63	35
1850	Burtis Judd	Oct. 13, 1894	77	44
1850	George E. Chapman	Nov. 1, 1894	83	44
1856	Charles Young	Dec. 11, 1894	63	38
1843	Nathaniel Bemis	Jan. 24, 1895	79	52
1871	Jonathan Neal	Feb. 22, 1895	65	24
1860	W. W. Colburn	April 13, 1895	61	35
1860	George Hewes	May 23, 1895	77	35
1834	William Gordon	Oct. 23, 1895	85	61
1855	C. A. Merrill	Jan. 9, 1896	70	41
1861	O. W. Adams	July 13, 1896	74	35
1853	A. F. Herrick	Sept. 2, 1896	72	43
1836	N. D. George	Sept. 22, 1896	88	60
1840	A. C. Godfrey	Nov. 13, 1896	77	56
1836	Franklin Fisk	Dec. 10, 1896	82	60
1845	J. L. Hanaford	Jan. 1, 1897	73	52
1863	R. H. Howard	Jan. 3, 1897	65	34
1846	John C. Ingalls	Feb. 28, 1897	89	51
1861	Sanford B. Sweetser	March 4, 1897	58	36
1843	David Sherman	Aug. 14, 1897	75	54
1841	William Rice	Aug. 17, 1897	76	56
1871	W. S. Jagger	Nov. 17, 1897	55	26
1872	W. N. Brodbeck	Feb. 4, 1898	50	$\overline{26}$

XVI. Widows of Deceased Members.

- Mrs. O. W. Adams, Barre.
 - " JARVIS A. AMES, 1550 Fulton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 - " J. H. W. AMES, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 - " DANIEL ATKINS, Wilbraham.
 - " N. BEMIS, East Weymouth.
 - " W. A. BRAMAN, 22 Adams St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
 - " L. R. S. Brewster, Leominster.
 - " W. N. BRODBECK, Endicott.
 - " JOHN CADWELL, Westfield.
 - "G. E. CHAPMAN, E. Charle-mont.
 - " Jonas M. Clark, Northampton
 - " W. W. COLBURN, Waltham.
 - " I. J. P. COLLYER, 169 Adams St., Waltham.
 - " John W. Coolidge, East Jaffrey, N. H.
 - " LORANUS CROWELL, Lynn.
- " I. S. Cushman, Cliff St., Roxbury.
- " J. W. DEARBORN, Watertown.
- " HENRY DORR, 170 Maple St., Lynn.
- " A. C. GODFREY, Boston.
- " ALBERT GOULD, Chicopee.
- " J. HASCALL, Shrewsbury.
- " A. F. HERRICK, Waltham.
- "GEORGE HEWES, No. Brookfield.
- " W. C. HIGH, Somerville.
- " R. H. HOWARD, 23 Appleton St., W. Somerville.
- " W. S. Jagger, Sterling.
- C. T. Johnson, Winthrop.
- ' BURTIS JUDD, South Framingham.
- " E. P. KING, Boston.
- " JOHN W. LEE, Wakefield.
- " J. W. LEWIS, Clinton.

- Mrs. J. N. Mars, Athol.
 - " HENRY MATTHEWS, South Lawrence.
 - " C. A. MERRILL, Springfield.
 - " Erasmus B. Morgan, Williamsburg.
 - " FRANK C. MORSE, Springfield.
 - " Z. A. MUDGE, Newton Centre.
 - " John Noon, 46 Chelsea St., Everett.
 - "THOMAS C. PIERCE, 37 Burgess St., Dorchester.
 - "GEORGE PRENTICE, Middle-town, Ct.
 - " WILLIAM RICE, Springfield.
 - " C. S. ROGERS, Milton.
 - " J. EMORY ROUND, 920 North Fulton Ave., Baltimore, Md.
- " SAMUEL ROY, Concord, N. H.
- " EPHRAIM SCOTT, Feeding Hills.
- " P. C. SLOPER, Natick.
- " WILLARD SMITH, Newton Highlands.
- " John C. Smith, West Medway.
- " D. S. SORLIN, Perry Avenue, Worcester.
- " N. S. SPAULDING, Sutton.
- " NATHANIEL F. STEVENS, 56
 Myrtle St., Waltham.
- " NELSON STUTSON, Brookfield.
- " S. B. SWEETSER, Somerville.
- " A. W. TIRRELL, Malden.
- " J. II. TWOMBLY, Newtonville.
- " G. L. WESTGATE, Hartford, Ct.
- " PLINY WOOD, Southbridge.
- " J. J. WOODBURY, 278 Main St., Woreester.
- " C. YOUNG, Everett.

XVII. Sessions of the New England Conference-

PLACE,	1	TIME.	SUPERINTENIENT.	SECRETARY.
Wilbraham	Sept.	19, 1797	Asbury	
Readville, Me			Asbury	
West Granville			Asbury	
New York, N. Y.			Asbury	
Lynn		18 1800	Asbury and Whatcoat.	P. Williston
Lynn		17 1901	Whatcoat	P. Williston
			Asbury and Whatcoat.	
Monmouth, Me				
Boston			Asbury and Whatcoat.	
Buxton, Me		14, 1004	Asbury	r. nubbaru.
Lynn			Asbury	
Canaan, N. H			Asbury	
Boston		2, 1807	Asbury	Thos. Branch.
New London, Ct.	April		Asbury	
Monmouth, Me	June		Asbury and McKendree	
Winchester, N. H.			Asbury and McKendree	
Barnard, Vt	June		Asbury and McKendree	
Lynn	June		Asbury and McKendree	
Salem, Conn		21, 1813	Asbury and McKendree	D. Fillmore.
Durham, Me	June	2, 1814	McKendree	D. Fillmore.
Unity, N. H	June	1, 1815	Asbury	Martin Ruter.
Bristol, R. I			McKendree and Roberts	
Concord, N. H	May		McKendree and George	
Hallowell, Me	June		George	
Lynn			Roberts	
Nantucket			George · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Barre, Vt			George	
Bath, Me			Roberts	
Providence, R. I			George	
Barnard, Vt			George and Hedding	
Cambridge		8 1825	George and Hedding	D. Fillmore.
Wilbraham			George	
Lisbon, N. H			Hedding	
Lynn			Hedding	
Portsmouth, N. H.		10 1990	Hedding	D. Fillmore.
New Bedford			Hedding	
Springfield			Soule and Hedding	
Providence, R. I	Luno			
Boston	June		Roberts and Hedding	
			Hedding	
Webster		4, 1854	Hedding	D. Fillmore.
Lynn		5, 1855	Hedding and Emory	D. Fillmore.
Springfield			Hedding	
Nantucket			Waugh and Hedding	
Boston			Hedding and Soule	
Lynn			Waugh and Soule	
Lowell		1, 1840	Soule and Hedding	P. Crandall.
Worcester			Hedding	
Springfield			Waugh	
Boston			Hedding and Morris	
Westfield			Janes and Hedding	
Lowell	June		Waugh and Janes	

PLACE.	TIME.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SECRETARY.
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Boston	April 29, 1846	Waugh	C. Adams.
Lynn	April 27, 1847	Hedding and Morris	C. Adams.
Worcester		Waugh	
Springfield	April 25 1849	Hamline and Hedding.	C. Adams.
Boston	April 24 1850	Morris	C. Adams
Newburyport		Janes	
Chicopee	April 14 1859	Morris	C Adams
Ipswich	April 97 1853	Janes	W R Ragnall
Westfield	April 10 1854	Baker	W P Ragnall
Chelsea	April 10, 1004	Simpson	W. R. Bagnall
Salem	April 11, 1000	Janes	W P Rognall
	April 2, 1000	Baker	W. R. Bagnan.
Lowell	April 8, 1897	Canth	W. R. Dagnan.
Worcester	April 7, 1898	Scott	W. R. Dagnan.
Lynn	April 6, 1859	Ames · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	W. K. Dagnan.
Springfield	April 4, 1860	Janes	E. A. Manning.
Boston	April 3, 1861	Baker	E. A. Manning.
Westfield	April 2, 1862	Janes	E. A. Manning.
Charlestown	April 2, 1863	Scott	E. A. Manning.
Chelsea	March 30, 1864	Ames	E. A. Manning.
Cambridge	March 29, 1865	Baker	E. A. Manning.
Chicopee	April 4, 1866	Simpson	E. A. Manning.
Waltham	March 27, 1867	Scott	E. A. Manning.
East Boston	March 25, 1868	Ames	E. A. Manning.
Lowell	lMarch 24, 1869	Thomson	E. A. Manning.
Springfield	March 23, 1870	Scott	E. A. Manning.
Boston Highlands.	March 29, 1871	Clark and Simpson	E. A. Manning.
Worcester	March 27, 1872	Ames	E. A. Manning.
Lynn	April 2, 1873	Wiley	E. A. Manning.
Charlestown	April 8, 1874	Janes and Ames	E. A. Manning.
Springfield	April 7, 1875	Haven	E. A. Manning.
Lowell	April 5, 1876	Simpson Foster	E. A. Manning.
Lynn	April 4, 1877	Foster	E. A. Manning.
Westfield	April 3, 1878	Harris	E.A. Manning.
Worcester	April 2, 1879	Simpson	E. A. Manning.
Boston	March 31, 1880	Andrews	E. A. Manning.
Worcester	April 6 1881	Peck	E. A. Manning.
Northampton	April 12, 1882	Merrill	E. A. Manning.
Boston	April 4-9 1883	Rowman	E. A. Manning.
Lynn	April 2-7, 1884	Foster	E. A. Manning.
Springfield	Ap'1 9-14, 1885	Foss	E. A. Manning.
Newburyport	$[{ m A}_{ m D}]115$ – $[{ m 20,1886}]$	Warren	E. A. Manning.
Leominster	Ap'l 9-14, 1887!	Walden	E. A. Manning.
Milford	Ap'l 4-10, 1888	Andrews	E. A. Manning.
Worcester	Ap'l 10-16.1880	Mallalieu	James Mudge.
Boston	Ap'l 9-15, 1890	Ninde	James Mudge.
Lynn	Ap'l 8-14, 1891	Bowman	James Mudge.
Boston	Ap'l 6-11, 1892	Hurst	James Mudge.
Holvoke	Ap'l 5-11, 1893	Goodsell	James Mudge.
Waltham	Ap'111-16, 1894	FitzGerald	James Mudge.
Salem	A D'1 3-8, 1895	Merrill	James Mudge.
Springfield	Ap'l 8-13 1896	Foss	James Mudge.
Lowell	April 7-12, 1897	Fowler	James Mudge.
Worcester	Ap'l 6-11, 1898	Newman	James Mudge.
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XVIII. Local Preachers.

EAST DISTRICT.

LOCAL ELDERS.

E. C. Charlton	Gloucester
J. Goodwin	Lynn
B. F. Green	Lynn
I. M. Mellish	Topsfield
A. H. Newton	Everett
N. T. Selee	Melrose

LOCAL DEACONS.

C. A. Bowen	Nahant
A. Dixon	Newburyport
J. A. Elliott	$\dots\dots Lynn$
F. Gates	Wilmington
H. B. Hobbs	Malden
C. L. Roberts	Ballardvale
L. O. Towers	Malden
W. I. Shattuck	Hamilton
J. Simpson	Essex
A. B. Waters	Chelsea
H. Williams	East Boston

LOCAL PREACHERS.

LOCAL TREACHERS.
C. G. AdamsLawrence
C. M. CharltonGloucester
D. CoathRockport
Herbert S. DowEverett
D. H. GerrishMalden
H. GinnsBay View
E. GrantEverett
E. HitchinsEast Boston
T. HollinsworthEast Boston
E. T. HodgesBradford
H. W. HookDanvers
T. A. JenkinsLynn
S. G. JonesSalem
George N. KilnappEast Boston
G. K. KnowltonHamilton
H. F. LookMarblehead
Frank L. Metcalf East Boston
A. A. NyeMalden
Ernest OberBeverly
E. S. W. PlattCliftondale
F. G. PotterIpswich
B. T. RussellMarblehead
D. TrueworthyLynn

NORTH DISTRICT.

LOCAL ELDERS.

E. E. DavidsonNewtonville
Thomas HaworthLowell
J. H. ParadisLowell
W. L. D. TwomblyNewtonville

LOCAL DEACONS.

F.	Adams	Ashburnham	
F.	E. Rollins	Lowell	

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LOCAL PREACHER	s.
W. B. Buck	Cambridge
H. M. Donnell	Saxonville
N. G. Greet	Somerville
F. M. Hall	Lowell
J. C. Hazelton	Somerville
C. C. Hodges	.Watertown
Harry P. Johnson	Cambridge
T. J. Judge	Lowell
J. Edwin Lacount	Somerville
Fred H. Lincoln	Cambridge
William Mullan	Somerville
R. S. Smith	Somerville
W. N. Stearns	Cambridge
W. M. Warren	Cambridge
Ernest Whitcomb	·Leominster
Samuel Worth	Lowell

SOUTH DISTRICT.

LOCAL ELDERS.

John G. Carey	Boston
Elisha Chenery	Boston
E. Davies	Boston
Daniel Marvin	.Dorchester
J. R. Pendell	Worcester
Banfield Putnam	Boston
Emerson Warner	Worcester
Cyrus Wells	Boston

LOCAL DEACONS.

M. C. Beale	.Roslindale
Sheridan W. Bell	Boston
Lucius M. Bristol	Boston
L. J. Burney	Boston
Arthur T. Camburn	.Roslindale
Samuel E. Howe	Boston
Geo. H. Pegram	Boston

C. II. TowerWorcester	Charles WeissmanBoston
H. P. WinterBoston	Arthur WrightMilford
	Fred M. YamaguchiBoston
LOCAL PREACHERS.	
A. AndersonBoston	WEST DISTRICT.
V. J. BarakianBoston	TOOLT PERPARA
Jesse B. BarnesMilford	LOCAL ELDERS.
Albert M. BradburyMilford	J. F. CrowellNorthampton
John Boddy Boston	J. W. ColeNorthampton
Lucius H. BugbeeBoston	W. HarperSouthbridge
Gustav CarlsonBoston	H. A. JonesNorth Prescott
William B. CostenBoston	C. P. KetchenColeraine
Frank B. CrawfordBoston	C. N. MerrifieldBernardston
C. W. DelanoWorcester	W. T. Miller Enfield
Abraham DobbinsDorchester	F. G. MorrisNorthampton N. L. PorterNorth Brookfield
Joseph F. DuraoBoston	H. G. RogersMonson
Carl EkstromBoston	H. S. WardMonson
James H. ElliottBoston	
X. McKee FowlerBoston	LOCAL DEACONS.
D. M. GoodyearBoston	E. P. CapshawFlorence
James H. GrayBoston O. H. Green.Boston	F. W. Collier Barre
F. R. GriffithsBoston	A. B. GiffordWest Brookfield
Thomas HarrisonMattapan	W. Z. ParfittHolyoke
Allen H. HartwellMilford	C. A. PickettSouthwick
W. W. HaslanFranklin	LOCAL PREACHERS.
Fred W. HassBoston	J. A. BetcherChester
George IngramBoston	E. C. BridghamEast Longmeadow
Bert L. JenningsBoston	G. W. CrosbyFeeding Hills
Masashi KobayashiBoston	J. M. GageAthol
E. B. LavaletteDorchester	H. B. GibbudSpringfield
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Oscar E. MurdockBoston	B. F. HandySpringfield
Nishio OsawaBoston	W. E. HopkinsSouth Worthington
T. C. RadoslavoffBoston	W. F. JacobsPelham
Augustine S. ScalesBoston	D. H. JohnstonEnfield
Charles E. SkillingsBoston	Francis JohnstonEnfield
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Nathan SwintonBoston	William McLeamWendell
Robert H. ThompsonCharlestown	John PorterGill
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Wllliam B. TowerWorcester	E. P. St. JohnSpringfield
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Osear B. WellsBoston	Amos TempleShelburne Falls
L. W. WentworthMattapan	H. W. ThompsonSpringfield
Wm. M. WhitenachBoston	W. I. ThresherBarre
G. S. WormerBoston	H. H. Weyant

XIX. Sunday School Superintendents.

EAST DISTRICT.

Ballardvale, John Howell. Beverly, I. M. Coster.

Roston .

Meridian St., Willard Ames, 17 Princeton St.

Orient Heights, H. Williams.

Saratoga St., Alfred W. Otis, 271 Princeton St.

Byfield, H. E. Pierson.

Chelsea:

Mount Bellingham, Ansel Lothrop, 110 Grove St.

Walnut St., Geo. H. Hatch. Danvers, Tapleyville, H. W. Hook.

Essex, Mrs. Z. P. Andrews.

Everett:

First Church, Chas. O. Howe, 20 Forrest Ave.

Glendale, S. P. French.

Gloucester:

Bay View, Henry Ginns.

East, I. H. Higgins.

Prospect St., C. W. Frost.

Riverdale, John W. Day, 15 Wheeler St.

Groveland, Alvie E. Brock.

Hamilton, G. K. Knowlton.

Haverhill, People's Church, John Duncan.

Ipswich, Edgar F. Morton.

Lawrence, John S. Curnew, 164 Salem St.

Lynn:

Boston St., H. A. Sawyer.

Broadway, F. A. Gordon.

First Church, L. H. Shaw, 122 Market

Highlands, F. E. Small.

Maple St., U. R. Hunt.

Lakeside, C. B. Smith.

St. Luke's, F. H. Ellis.

St. Paul's, A. F. Moody.

South St., James A. Wensley, 540 Summer St.

Trinity, W. Penney.

Malden.

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Medford:

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Middleton, D. A. Graves.

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North Reading, G. L. Ditmars.

Peabody, P. A. Sim.

Reading, J. W. Frost.

Revere, G. S. Hamilton.

Rockport, Daniel Coath.

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Cliftondale, F. W. Marston.

Dorr Memorial, James Russell, East Saugus.

East, O. P. Brown.

Stoneham, H. W. Collier.

Swampscott, W. B. Adams.

Topsfield, O. M. Mellish.

Wakefield, Edward Haynor.

Wilmington, W. G. Frazer.

Winthrop, H. F. Rich, Pleasant St.

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First Church, F. W. Macer. West, G. S. Coggswell. Gleasondale, A. H. Gleason. Graniteville, Arthur Wright. Hudson, F. P. Glacier. Leominster, N. N. Davis.

Lowell:

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Oakdale, L. P. Tower.
Princeton, E. E. Gregory.
Saxonville, S. Ellis.

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First Church, J. L. Bowlby, 3 Harvard
Place.
Flint St., pastor.
Park Ave., Thos. Waters, Campbell

Park, West Somerville. South Framingham, R. D. Murphy. -

South Framingham, R. D. Murphy. - Sudbury, pastor.

Townsend, G. L. Eastman.

Waltham.

Emmann-El, Willis L. Enton, 122 East Brown St. irst Church, Henry Marsh. Watertown, G. R. Emerson. West Chelmsford, H. E. Fletcher. Weston, H. C. Richardson. Winchester, Miss Mary E. Emerson. Woburn, C. H. Kimball.

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Dorchester St., John C. Ham, 32 Ward St., South Boston.

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Italian Church, Mrs. G. Conte.

Jamaica Plain

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Mattapan, J. B. L. Bartlett, 459 River St.

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North End Mission, Rev. W. Morrit.

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Revere St., R. H. Thompson.

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Stanton Ave., F. E. Gilcrease, Mattapan. Temple St., Dr. Clarence Wall, 31 Bowdoin St.

Tremont St., Wm. H. Chadwick, 8 Greenwich Park.

West Roxbury, H. F. Everett.

Winthrop St., Sidney L. Burr, 135 School St., Roxbury.

Brookline, F. H. Miett.

Cherry Valley, D. E. Earnshaw.

Dedham, C. J. H. Kimball.

East Douglas, W. E. Carpenter.

Franklin, Frank W. Willard.
Highlandville, Horace A. Carter.
Holliston, J. H. Morrill.
Hopkinton, W. J. Lawrence.
Hyde Park, H. C. Norris.
Leicester, Mrs. Otis Whitemore.
Milford, Geo. L. Cook.
Millbury, H. T. Maxwell.
North Grafton, J. G. Sawyer.
Norwood, F. I. Eldridge.
Oxford, A. L. Foster.
Plainville, J. W. Blackwell.

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Atlantic, John Ramsdell.
West, Jonas Shackley.
Wollaston, W. C. Sanders.
Shrewsbury, H. A. Maynard.
Southville, Aubrey Boutillier.
South Walpole, E. P. Boynton.
Upton, Arthur T. Hill.
Uxbridge, Oscar E. Murdock.
Walpole, N. W. Fisher.
Webster, C. C. Corbin.
Westboro, J. S. Bullens.
West Medway, F. L. Fales.
Whitinsville, A. J. Brown.

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Grace Church, C. W. Delano, 1 Lowell St.
Lakeview, Wyman Colamer.
Laurel St., S. A. Walker.
Park Ave., A. H. Anthony.
Trinity, A. C. Fitz, 913 Main St.
Webster Square, A. H. Stearns.

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Boston, O. Larson.
East Boston, C. Paulson.
Gardner, L. Carlson, Box 251.
Lowell, C. G. Pihl.
Lynn, Jacob Nordgun.
Maplewood, J. Y. Stead.
Quincy, W. Geliotte.
Rockport, Emil Sten.

Worcester:

Swedish First, Alfred Bergstrom. Swedish Second, A. Dahlin. Springfield, A. Walburg.

WEST DISTRICT.

Amherst, H. D. Hemmenway. Athol, L. B. Caswell. Barre, F. A. Rich. Belchertown, Herman Lane.
Bernardston, Harriet P. Bowker.
Blandford, J. P. Haley.
Bondsville, E. E. Ryther.
Brookfield, H. E. Cottle.
Charlemont, W. S. Warfield.
Charlton City, H. H. Hemmingway.
Chester, S. C. Hemmingway.
Chicopee, C. J. Wetsel.
Chicopee Falls, C. T. Hendrick.

Coleraine & G. W. Carpenter. G. A. Reed. Coleraine East, W. Martin. Conway, Charles L. Cook. Dwight, Alden B. Day. Easthampton, W. A. Wright. East Longmeadow, Arthur Geldard. East Templeton, C. A. Whitney. Enfield, D. C. Green. Feeding Hills, F. A. Johnson. Fair View, J. K. Warner. Florence, R. L. Porter. Gardner, Annie F. Towne. Gill, A. A. Chapin. Glendale, Allen M. Seaver. Granville, N. H. Cook. Greenfield, W. M. Smith. Hampden, John Kenworthy.

Holyoke:

Appleton St., John Stalker. Highlands, R. H. Randall. Hubbardston, S. E. Lane. Leyden, E. P. Howes. Ludlow Centre, C. B. Bennett. Mittineague, Chas. McKernon. Monson, C. A. Bradway. North Amherst, Clara M. Warren. Northampton, R. J. Martin. North Dana, O. J. Powers. North Prescott, John Powers. Orange, W. B. Curtiss. Pelham, John L. Brewer. Phillipston, M. J. Tenney. Russell, Maude R. Stewart. Shelburne Falls, S. H. Walker. South Athol, Albert Tuffts. Southampton, Clarence M. Sheldon. Southbridge, J. Fellows, 2d. South Deerfield. South Hadley Falls. Southwick, A. Holcombe. South Worthington, A. G. Drake, Hun-West Worthington, Minnie Hathaway. Spencer, J. A. Haskins.

Springfield:

Asbury First, F. M. Seerley.
First Swedish, C. R. Hagberg.
Grace, F. Durgin.
St. Luke's, W. F. Andrews.
State St., F. B. Cobb.
Trinity, David Hale, Magnolia Terrace.

Wales, L. Squier. Ware, D. L. Bulard.

Warren:

First Church, C. H. Burt. West, J. C. Grant.

Westfield:

First Church, E. C. Bryan. West Parish, E. G. Loomis. West Springfield, A. P. Ketchin. Wilbraham, pastor. Williamsburg, D. L. Cranston. Winchendon, S. T. Hayen.

XX. Episcopal Directory.

BISHOPS.

THOMAS BOWMAN Evanston, Ill.

RANDOLPH S. FOSTER . . . 24 Elm Hill Ave., Roxbury, Mass.

STEPHEN M. MERRILL . . . 57 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

Edward G. Andrews . . . 150 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

HENRY W. WARREN University Park, Colorado.

CYRUS D. FOSS 2043 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

John F. Hurst 1425 N. Y. Ave., Washington, D. C.

WILLIAM X. NINDE . . . Detroit, Mich.

John M. Walden 220 West Fourth St., Cincinnati, O.

WILLARD F. MALLALIEU . . Auburndale, Mass.

CHARLES H. FOWLER. . . . Buffalo, N. Y.

John H. Vincent Topeka, Kan.

JAMES N. FITZGERALD . . . 1505 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

ISAAC W. JOYCE 1115 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

JOHN P. NEWMAN 1037 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

Daniel A. Goodsell . . . Chattanooga, Tenn.

CHARLES C. MCCABE . . . Fort Worth, Tex.

EARL CRANSTON Portland, Ore.

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WILLIAM TAYLOR Alameda, Cal.

James M. Thoburn . . . Bombay, India.

Joseph C. Hartzell . . . 150 Fifth Ave., New York.

XXI. Conference Directory.

The figures after the name show the time of entering the Itinerancy. The abbreviations in the other central column, preceding the post-office address, indicate the Conference relation or appointment, as follows: S'y, Supernumerary; S'd, Superannuated; P. E., Presiding Elder; Pres., President; Pr., Principal; Prof., Professor; Sec., Secretary; Agt., Agent; Ch., Chaplain; Ed., Editor; Supt., Superintendent; Miss'y, Missionary; D., a preacher in charge who is in Deacons' orders. All those not specially designated are effective Elders and Preachers in charge.

1. Abercrombie, Edward E. 1892.	Oakdale. minster. ndsville
3. Adams, William H1864	Oakdale. minster. ndsville
4. Allen, James F 1882 Leor	ndsville.
5. Alley, Henry G 1894 Bor	Concord.
6. Anderson, Jens P1893	
7. Anderson, Otto1879	ockport.
8. Ayers. Watson M 1863 S'd	Danvers.
9. Baird, Andrew W1872Merrick, West Spri	ingfield.
10. * Baldwin, William W1862 Ashbu	
11. Barnes, John W. F1860	arlest'n.
12. Barrows, Justin S1855S'd Bro	
13. Bates, Lewis B1851276 Meridian St., E.	Boston.
14. Beekman, Garrett1870 Som	nerville.
15. Bell, Leon ESpri	ingfield.
16. Bent, Gilbert R 1855S'y North R	Reading.
17. Best, Edward S1851	Malden.
18. Bigelow, Increase B 1839 S'd H	
19. Bisbee, R. E1882	hicopee.
20. Bishop, Thomas W1868 Aubr	urndale.
21. Blackett, Charles W1890 Pe	
22. Blackmer, William P1856S'd West Bro	
23. Bonner, Arthur1892	
24. Booth, Houghton S 1867 S'd	
25. Bosworth, Lorenzo A 1861 S'd 22 Wesley Park, Som	
26. Brady, James B1869 Columbus Ave.,	
27. Bragg, Samuel A1885	
28. Bridge, William D 1863 S'y 100 Grove St., C	
29. Bronson, Dillon1889	
30. Buckingham, Herbert G. 1885 Mitti	
31. Butler, Harry G1894	
32. Butler, William1844S'd Newton	
33. Butters, George S 25 Warren Ave., Som	nerville.

^{*} Died may 1, 1898.

34.			·····Rockport.
35.			S'd Hopkinton.
36.			3 Rosemont St., Dorchester.
37.			Hopkintop
38	Caton, Newton M	1876.	Ludlow Centre.
39.	Causey, Levin P	1868.	Gardner.
40.			·····Medford.
41.			Franklin.
42.			D Amherst.
43.			Ayer.
44.			Lynn.
45.			S'd85 Rindge Ave., Cambridge.
· 46.			Winthrop.
47.			
48.	Conte, Gaetano	1884.	219 Tremont St., Boston.
49.	Coon, George W	1881.	S'yWest Medway.
50.			·Sup't··202 W. Newton St., Boston.
51.			85 Lexington St., East Boston.
52.			ChBox 1598, Boston.
53.			East Douglas.
54.			Lowell.
55.			591 Salem St., Malden.
56.	Cushing, Stephen	1833.	S'd44 W. Cottage St., Roxbury.
57.	Cushman, Lewis P	1849.	S'd Lawrence.
58.			Franklin St., Lynn.
59.	Day, J. Alphonso	1873.	Mundale.
60.	Dechman, Arthur	1896.	Uxbridge.
61.			Webster.
62.			Florence.
63.	Dorchester, Daniel	1847.	S'dWest Roxbury.
64.			Westfield.
65.	Dunham, Howard C	1838	S'd Winthrop.
66.	Durgin George F	1892	Ipswich.
67.	Dwight William E	1873	S'y9 Bellevue Ave., Melrose.
68.			15 Edward St., Worcester.
69.			Ch
70.			P. E. 118 Oxford St., N. Camb'ge.
71.	Ele Devid H	1050	
			Orange.
72.			
73.			D Swampscott.
74.			S'd28 Pleasant St., Camb'geport.
75.			S'ySouth Boston.
76.	Everett, Frank A	1886	Oxford.
77.	Fellows, Nathaniel	1859	. S'y207 Boston St., Lynn.
78.	Ferguson, John C	1887	Pres Shanghai, China.
79.			Charlton City.
80.	Fisk, Nathaniel B	1871	21 Cross St., Charlestown.
81.	Frost, Peter	1886	Lynn.

82.	Full William1	870	South Boston.
83.	Fulton James W	875	Ware.
84.	Furber Franklin1	840	S'd Milton.
85.			Dorchester.
86.	Gaylord J. H1	853	S'd Springfield.
87.	George F. T	860	S'd Southville.
88.	Gill Benjamin	870	Prof State College, Penn.
89.	Gould John B	846	S'dNewton.
90.			Prof Fooehow, China.
91.	Greene Roscoe L 1	876	88 G Street, South Boston.
92.	Grose, Geo. R1	896	Jamaica Plain.
93.	Hale, Francis J 1	890	Plainville.
94.			Gleasondale.
95.			Everett.
96.			S'd18 North Ave., Roxbury.
97.			S'd.11 Tontine St., West Medford.
98.			Newtonville.
99.			Sec Cincinnati, Ohio.
100.	Hanaford, Charles H 1	859	East Pepperell.
101.			Boston.
102.			Graniteville.
103.	Hatch, William H18	834	S'd 16 Terence St., Springfield.
104.	Haven, William I1	881	Brookline.
105.			Springfield.
106.			Shawmut Ave., Boston.
107.			Chicopee Falls.
108.			Springfield.
109.			Maynard.
110.			89 Grove St., Lowell.
111.	,		Bradford.
112.			Waltham.
113.			Newton.
114.	Holway, Raymond F1	873	35 High St., Charlestown.
115.			ChNewport, R. I.
116.			West Medway.
117.			S'd Shrewsbury.
118.	9 /		Malden.
119.			Cherry Valley.
120.			Dean 12 Somerset St., Boston.
121.			Watertown.
122.			East Saugus.
123.			North Andover.
124.			S'y Amherst.
125.			angelist, 86 Vernon St., Brookline.
126.			15 Fairmont St., Malden.
127.			
128. 129.			
129.	Kingsley, B. F	880	west ritenburg.

13	30.	Knight, Fred H	. 1882	Salem.
13	1.	Knowles, James O	1859	P.E., 27 Plymouth St., Springfield.
13	2.			Waltham.
13	3.			D Quincy.
13	4.	Lawford, W. F	1885	Whitinsville.
13	5.	Leonard, Joel M	1887	Melrose.
13	6.	Lindsay, John W	.1843	Prof West Newton.
13	7.	Littlefield, Charles A	. 1886	162 Walnut St., Chelsea.
13	8.			Prof Appleton, Wis.
13				S'dReading.
14				146 Newtonville Ave., Newton.
	1.			Athol.
14				P. E Osborn Road, Brookline.
14				Lawrence.
14				S'd22 Quincy St., Somerville.
14				S'd Marlboro.
14				S'yWarren.
14				Cambridge.
14				Mattapan.
				DNewton Upper Falls.
14				S'd25 Campbell P'k, W. Somerville.
15				Riverdale, Gloucester.
15				
15				Lowell.
15				S'd73 N. State St., Concord, N. H.
15				S'dNorth Wilbraham.
15				S'd117 Woodward Ave., Lowell.
15				
15				Holyoke.
15				Marblehead.
15				Natick.
16				Roslindale.
16				West Medford.
16				Gardner.
- 16				··Pr. · · · · · · Wilbraham.
16				Monson.
16				
16				Bay View, Gloucester.
16	7.			East Boston.
16	8.			.Sec 36 Bromfield St., Boston.
16	9.			. Ag't. 10 Appian Way, Cambridge.
17	().	Osgood, A. M	.1886	Clinton.
17	1.	Osgood, G. C	1885	.S'dWalpole.
17	2.			.S'd Newton.
17	3.	Packard, Isaac H	1874	Woburn.
17	1.			Worcester.
17	5.			.Ed 36 Bromfield St., Boston.
17	6.			Springfield.
17	7.	Pentecost, William	1848	.S'd65 Eastern Ave., Worcester.

178.	Perkins, George H1880
179.	Perrin, Willard T 1874
180.	Peterson, John1859Saxonville.
181.	Phinney, George A1883Cambridgeport.
182.	Pickles, John D187957 Rutland St., Boston.
183.	Pillsbury, John H1868 Walnut Hill, Dedham.
184.	Pomerov, Frank T 1880Somerville.
185.	Pomfret, William J1856 Byfield.
186.	Pratt, M. BLynn.
187.	Prescott, Moses G1872Lynn.
188.	Rankin, Harry P 1891 Jamaica Plain.
180.	Rice, Charles F 1875 156 Harvard St., Springfield.
190.	Richards, Daniel1842Ag't 18 Loring St., Somerville.
191.	Richardson, Wellen N. 1859 Beverly.
192.	Richardson, William G. 1875 Fitchburg.
193.	Sanderson, Alonzo1863Sup't Worcester.
194.	Sanderson, George E1875 Coral St., Worcester-
195.	Scott, Joseph
196.	Seaman, Wm. G1896
197.	Sharp, A. P
198.	Shatto, Charles A1894Northampton.
199.	Sherman, Cecil R1882
200.	Silverthorne, William. 1851 S'd Gardner.
200.	Simons, Volney M1872S'd
201.	Skene, George 1873 22 Copeland St., Roxbury.
202.	Skinner, Alfred C1888
204.	Small, Edward E1889
204.	Small, George L 1889 Ch Mariner's Bethel, Boston.
206.	Smiley, George M1881
207.	Smith, Charles N1842S'dMalden.
208.	Smith, Ebenezer A1858S'd Springfield.
209.	Smith, Robert ESpencer.
210.	Smith, T. Berton1867S'd
211.	Spaulding, Charles E1889 Winchester.
212.	Spencer, G. HNewton Centre.
213.	Squier, A. L1896DWest Roxbury.
214.	Stackpole, Charles H 1891 97 Evans St., Mattapan.
215.	Staples, L. W Lowell.
216.	Steele, DanielMilton.
217.	Steele, George M185119 Chalmers Place, Chicago, Ill.
218.	Stephans J. W
219.	Stratton, Frank K1859Saratoga St., East Boston.
220.	Stratton, Porter R1885 Lunenburg.
221.	Stubbs, James H1892 Newburyport.
222.	Sutherland, James1889 Brookfield.
223.	Svenson, Svante 1881 Lowell.
224.	Swartz, H. B Holliston.
225.	Talmage, Charles H1878 379 Harvard St., Cambridge.

226.	Taylor, Edward M1876
227.	Thomas, William H1861
4 228.	Thorndike, Edward R. 1867P. ELynn.
229.	Thrasher, Eugene H1888 Easthampton.
230.	Thurston, William A1888South Boston.
230.	Thompson, William J. 1889
232.	Tilton, Charles
233.	Tompson, Joseph H1879
234.	Toulmin, William B1859Ch Deer Island.
235.	
236.	Townsend, William C. 1884
237.	Tunnicliffe, E. H1876
238.	Upham, F. N
239.	Upham, Samuel F 1856 Prof Madison, N. J.
240.	Vinton, Charles H1860S'dWilbraham.
241.	Virgin, Edward W 1860 Ch Dedham.
242.	Wagner, JesseAllston.
243.	Walker, Raymond P1890
244.	Walker, Rollin H 1895 Prof Herkimer, N. Y.
245.	Walters, Charles H1882 Southbridge-
246.	Ward, John W Stoneham.
247.	Warren, William F1855Pres12 Somerset St., Boston.
248.	Waterhouse, Joseph E1894 Wollaston.
249.	Watkins, T. Corwin1879Lynn.
250.	Webber, Putnam1885 Wakefield.
251.	West, J. P
252.	Wheeler, F. HNo. Dana.
253.	Whitaker, N. T1867
254.	Whitaker, George 1861260 Cambridge St., E. Cambridge.
255.	White, Lorenzo1851S'd Wilbraham.
256.	Whyman, Henry E1891 Worcester.
257.	Wiggin, Wesley 1889
258.	Wignall, William1871S'dMillbury.
259.	Wigren, C. J
260.	Wilder, Charles W186512 Hall Place, Quincy.
261.	Witting, Victor 1855S'd
-262.	Wood, Jerome
263.	Wood, W. A Egleston Square, Boston.
264.	Woods, AlfredSouth Framingham
265.	Woods, Frederick1859
266.	Worth, William T1860
267.	Wright, M. Emory1856
268.	Wriston, Henry L1885
269.	wilston, Henry L 1889 Holyoke.

PROBATIONERS.

1.	Ayers, Edward I	E1897	D	Shrewsbury.
2.	Beal, Albert	1897	D	····· Conway.
3.	Cooper, Richard	W 1897	D	Wilbraham.
4.	Howe, Arthur L	1897		····· Winchendon.
5.	Locke, George W	r1897	D	Belchertown.
				South Hadley Falls.
				Lynn.
18				Forest Hills, Boston.
9.				Leyden.
10.	Marshall, Eaton	B1898	D	· ·····Blandford.

SCHEDULE NO. 1.

	Membership.					AP- MS.	CHURCH PROPERTY.								
NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Proba- tioners. No. of Full Members.		No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages. Probable Value.		For building and improving Ch. Property.	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.		
Ballardvale Beverly Boston, Meridian St. Bethel ' Orient Heights Byfield Chelsea, Mt. Bellingham Walnut St. Danvers, Tapleyville Dessex and Hamilton Essex and Hamilton Bevertt Geldale Gelducester, Bay View "East Gloucester "Frospect St. "Riverdale Haverhill, People's Church Upnn, Boston St. "Highlands "East Church Haynn, Boston St. "First Church Highlands "Highlands "Kakeside. "Maple St. "St. Luke's "St. Luke's "St. Luke's "St. Luke's "St. Luke's "St. Luke's "Highlands "First Church "Highlands "Hillside "Gentre Church "Maplewood "Maple Marblehead "Maple St. "Hillside "Walner Church "Baugus, Centre Church "Baugus,	111 222 700 3 8 4 20 200 211 8 50 15 3 8 8 4 20 20 11 10 3 7 8 7 14 24 11 11 16 15 2 2 2 2 11 37 11 11 16 4 8 8 9 10 11 11 16 4 17 11 11 16 4 17 11 11 16 4 17 11 11 16 15 10 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	344 1766 4900 1666 78 424 411 81 81 81 82 250 1666 65 65 65 83 81 25 82 22 88 24 21 20 21 22 88 24 21 20 25 60 10 17 77 54 40 130 17 77 29 25 46 41 166 20 20 48 22 48 29 11 21 22 88 25 25 25 25 26 27 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	11 14 4 11 6 6 4 4 11 6 6 2 9 9 2 2 2 11 1 7 7 6 6 2 4 4 4 1 1 1 2 3 3 6 6 1 1 3 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 4 4 4 1 1 1 2 2 3 3 6 6 1 1 3 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1	388 22 111 111 100 7 7 111 12 2 3 3 4 4 4 4 4 2 2 7 7 7 6 6 3 3 2 2 2 13 3 2 2 2 14 3 3 2 2 16 6 3 3 2 2 16 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	1 3 344 7 7 2 3 3 8 111 6 6 6 3 100 1 1 13 3 2 8 2 8 6 6 3 3 1 1 1 13 3 10 14 3 3 10 2 2 6 6 5 5 1 1 1 1		50,000 12,000 3,000 3,000 25,000 15,000 10,000 30,000 8,000 10,000 10,000 15,000 10,000 20,000 15,000 10,000 20,000 15,000 10,000 10,000 20,000 15,000 10,000 11,000 10,000 11,000 11,000 11,000 11,000		4,000 3,000 1,800 1,500 3,600	113 3000 5500 5500 64447 447 40 5000 550 500 5600 5600 5600 5600 560	100 250 75 1,000 149 275 1,000 300 5	2,000 4,000 2,184 4,500 2,300 3,364 2,000 2,000 2,100 3,810 *7,000 2,460 1,45 925 9,500 15,000 2,250 9,500 15,000 1,000 3,800		
Totals	978	11,162	42	158	324	251	60	1,004,800	37	154,600	78,431	4,609	160,875		

SCHEDULE NO. 4.

-	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																	
No.	p.	From Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Fublic Educati'n'l To Collection.	Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society.	Woman's Home Miss'y Society.	W. H. M. S. Supplies.	General Conference Expenses.	Other Collections.	Church Aid.	Sustentation Fund.	City Missions.
1 2 2 3 4 4 5 6 6 7 8 9 9 1 11 12 21 22 22 24 11 15 6 6 17 8 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19	\$144 588 555 299 2199 2199 2199 2199 2199 2199 2	\$100 \$100	\$144 688 80 300 70 150 300 70 150 31 31 32 31 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32	\$33 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	\$11 13 22 33 11 17 7 21 44 44 11 66 66 66 66 	\$1 3 3 1 1 1 1 1 5 4 4 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	\$44 15 15 16 6 5 1 12 24 4 23 33 3	\$5 1 5	144 1011 22 3 3 3 10 10 8 8 10 11 13 6 6 11 13 13 5 6 6	556633	6 65 655 78 78 11 37 19 6 47 35 31 185 57 166 22 244 47 726 24 44 77 87	41 31 175 42 66 854 56 6 854 11 19 100 76	\$50 40 45 92 95 95 10 102 87 28 112 27 162		\$49 204 71 3 3 5 61 38 150 148 1,550 107 117 117 117 117 117 118 39	\$144 13 44 	\$111 66 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	\$7 160 25 17 6 26 3 52 807 1 8 13 50 281
-	4,071	4,203	0,934	990	136	122	1,183	99	367	158	2,341	1,765	857	•••••	2,985	564	538	1,514

SCHEDULE NO. 3.

				Pasto	r's Supr	PORT.		
NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.		Claims.]	Receipts		efi-
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Defi-
1 Ballardvale	George Whitaker	\$350 800	\$200 300	\$550 1,100	\$394 800	\$200 300	\$594 1,100	*\$44
3 Boston, Meridian St., Bethel. 4 "Orient Heights 5 "Saratoga St 6 Byfield	L. W. Staples	1,800 800	500	2,300 800	1,800 800	500	2,300	
5 " Saratoga St	C. A. Crane	2,000	500	2,500	2,000	500	2,500	
7 Chelsea, Mount Bellingham	Elwin Hitchcock	1,500	150 500	750 2,000	600 • 1,500	150 500	2,000	
8 " Walnut St	G. L. Collier	1,400 1,000	500 175	1,900 1,175	1,400 1,000	500 175	1,900	
9 Danvers, Tapleyville 10 Essex and Hamilton	J. Simpson	550		550	550		550	
11 Everett	W. H. Meredith	1,500 566	400	1,900 566	1,500 566	400	1,900 566	
13 Gloucester, Bay View	Charles Nicklin	600 650	200	800 650	500 650	200	700	
15 "Prospect St	H. L. Wriston J. F. Mears	1,200	500	1,700	1,200	500	1,700	
		800 400	300	1,100 400	800 400	300	1,100 400	
18 Haverhill, People's Church 19 Ipswich 20 Lawrence, Parker St 21 Lynn, Boston St 22 "Broadway 23 "First Church	E. V. Hinchcliffe	800 1,100	400	800	800 1,100	400	800	
20 Lawrence, Parker St	W. H. Marble	1,000	300	1,500 1,300	1,000	300	1,300	
21 Lynn, Boston St	W. H. Thomas	1,200 650	500 150	1,700 800	1,200 650	500 150	1,700 800	
23 " First Church	C. E. Davis	2,000	900	2,900	2,000	900	2,900	
74 Highlands	William Jacques			416 300	416 300		300	
26 " Maple St	E. E. Small	1,200 850	400 150	1,600 1,000	1,200 850	400 150	1,600	
28 " St. Paul's	W. T. Worth	1,500	500	2,000	1,500	500	2,000	
29 " South St	M. G. Prescott	1,200 800	500 240	1,700 1,040	1,200 800	500 240	1,040	
31 Malden, Belmont Church	G. H. Clarke	1,200 2,500	400 700	1,600 3,200	1,200 2,500	400 700	1,600	
radikhei Chuich	10. I . WAIDEL	1,000		1,000	1,000		1,000	
	E. S. Best	624 1,000	300	624 1,300	558 1,025	300	558 1,325	66 *25
35 "Maplewood	Hugh Montgomery.	1,200 1,400	350	1,550	1,200 1,400	350	1,550	
		250		1,400 250	250		250	
39 "Trinity	A. W. L. Nelson W. I. Shattuck	800 300	250	1,050 300	800	250 300	1,050 300	
41 Melrose	J. M. Leonard	2,000 365	600 85	2,600	2,000 365	600 85	2,600	
42 Middleton	J. W. Ward	950	200	450 1,150	950	200	1,150	
44 " Washington St.	J. H. Stubbs	800 800	204 200	1,004 1,000	800 800	204 200	1,004 1,000	
44 Washington St. 45 North Andover 46 North Reading	W. E. Hopkins	300		300	250		250	50
47 Peabody	S. A. Bragg	1,000 1,000	350	1,350 1,000	1,100 1,000	350	1,450 1,000	
49 Revere	T. W. Bishop	800 800	200	830 1,000	510 800	200	510	320
51 Salem, Lafayette St	Dillon Bronson	2,000	500	2,500	2.000	500	2,500	
52 "Wesley Church	F. H. Knight D. C. Grover	1,700	500	2,200 400	1,700	500	2,200 380	20
54 " Cliftondale	R. C. T. McKenzie.	600 78		600	600		600	
56 " East Saugus	M. B. Pratt	1.000	400	78 1,400	1,000	400	1,400	
57 Stoneham	J. H. Pillsbury	1,000	350	1,350 900	1,000	350	1,350	
58 Swampscott	I. N. Mellish	365	75	440	365 1,100	75 239	440	
60 Wakefield 61 Wilmington	Ellin Grant	1,100	239 94	1,339 458	364	94	458	
62 Winthrop	C. W. Blackett	1,100	400	1,500	1,100	400	1,500	•••••
Totals		58,058	14,962	73,920	58,571	14,962	73,533	387

SCHEDULE NO. 2.

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No.	Amount Apport'd.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apport'd.	Amount Paid.	Total Support Pastors, Presid- ing Elders and Bishops.	Conference Claimants.	Current Expenses of Church.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	Members in the Home Department	Officers and Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Prob.	Scholars who are Ch. Mem. or Prob.	Converted during Year.	Current Expenses.
1 2 3 3 4 4 5 6 7 7 8 9 9 10 11 11 12 2 13 14 14 15 16 17 7 11 12 2 12 12 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	\$12 32 88 81 10 88 82 44 42 166 66 66 66 82 162 132 132 166 88 44 122 132 25 26 66 48 82 88 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82	\$12, 32, 88 10, 88 42 44, 42, 166 68, 48 44, 120, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32	\$44 100 366 2 2 366 9 9 322 330 322 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32	10 13 200 22 2 2 3 3 3 1 1 3 C 11 1 1 4 1 4 1 4 1 4 1 4 1 4 1 4 1 4	1,140 2,398 810 2,588 8790 2,994 1,980 1,217 566 1,982 1,130 412 823 1,664 1,310 412 823 1,664 1,310 412 823 1,666 1,016 2,117 1,781 1,070 2,712 1,650 3,395 1,301 1,561 1,461 1,461 1,461 1,462 1,178 1,070 2,712 4,622 1,184 1,038 1,032 1,031 1,031 2,614 1,032 2,02 1,031 2,614 1,032 2,02 1,031 2,614 1,032 2,02 1,031 2,614 1,032 2,02 1,031 2,614 1,032 2,02 1,031 2,614 2,134 1,035 2,02 1,031 2,614 2,295 302 1,031 2,614 2,198 1,032 2,001 2,014 2,198 1,032 1,031 2,614 2,198 1,032 1,031 2,614 2,198 1,032 1,031 2,614 1,031 2,044 1,031 2,044 1,031 2,044 1,045 1	\$200 \$22	\$125 663 1,585 709 787 104 4445 700 2255 90 01,574 100 600 2212 6625 2655 3,058 168 193 800 350 1,200 617 374 475 90 475 250 221 170 175 55 350 222 1,000 2,279 170 175 55 350 229 1,000 2,279 200 350 891 142 60 823 50 891	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	12 33 67 67 67 67 67 67 67 67 67 67 67 67 67	55 155 764 165 328 407 300 250 150 393 158 97 77 165 523 154 165 523 154 165 166 166 166 166 167 177 177 188 188 188 189 189 199 199 199	400 1100 3655 2177 2000 1100 230 1100 1200 1200 1201 1201	4882255 100 666 333 455 300 300 377 144 145 155	9 22 21 15 6 6 28 17 26 33 37 21 26 7 23 39 17 10 48 9 9 28	270 12 54 27 25 43 119 50 100 40 85 366 26		\$40 123 510 40 291 150 30 400 290 150 30 30 189 80 90 115 200 115 200 115 210 94 42 121 130 148 42 148 42 155 50 50 50 50 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 6
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SCHEDULE NO. 1.

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	No. of Proba- tioners.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For building and improving Ch. Property.	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
Ashburnham	6 6 6 9 1 1 25 32 9 24 4 7 7 1 1 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	355 2311 305 2533 404 406 1499 1400 177 19 140 407 145 55 168 385 3282 111 208 141 210 73 35 70 73 38 66 114 232 252 250 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60	1 2 2	1 3 4 2 8 9 2 1		3 1 1 11 11 19 7 7 7 7 5 5 3 3 13 6 6 6 1 1 2 4 4 9 9 4 4 7 7 7 7 7 1 1 8 8 4 4 9 9 1 5 5 2 2 6 5 2 2 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		30,000 6,000 15,700 50,000		1,500 10,000 7,000 12,500 6,000 3,000 1,500 6,000 1,500 1,000 1,000 2,000 3,500 2,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 5,000	300 9 126 174 2,400 1000 75 2,600 506 275 160 100 115 300 350 4,785 100 350 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 1	\$100 212 1,050 100 50 1,500 1,500 2,006 1,100 600 1,100	755 3,000 4,000 1,456 2,400 4,300 7,156 9,400 11,800 2,700 2,700 2,700 9,174 8,000 856 3,300 13,000 9,500 2,300 17,000 2,500 2,500
Totals	714	9,716	23	141	258	221	49	1,044,800	34	155,000	20,783	12,962	197,84

^{* \$20,000} covered by subscription.

SCHEDULE NO. 4.

							BEN	EVOL	ENT	COL	LECT	ions.						
No.		From Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Fublic Educat'n'l G	Children's rolf	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society.	Woman's Home Miss'y Society.	W. H. M. S. Supplies.	General Conference Expenses.	Other Collections.	Church Aid.	Sustentation Fund.	City Missions.
1 2 2 3 4 4 5 6 7 8 8 9 10 111 12 113 14 15 16 17 118 19 12 2 2 2 3 2 4 2 2 5 2 6 7 2 8 8 3 2 4 2 2 5 3 3 4 3 5 5 3 6 6 4 1 4 2 4 4 3 4 4 4 5 5 1 5 5 2	\$111 5 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13	13 10 17 144 61 85 13 	\$299 23 32 26 18 100 3455 3120 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32	5	8 1 2 2 1 3 4 6 6	\$2 	97 35 2 13 7 2 145 35 148 10 12	\$3	77 33 38 99 55 22 100 41 122 38 84 4 	1 2 1 2 9 4 	\$100 200 4 355 111 311 1133 1699 1000 100 101 103 49 49 49 49 49 41 277 133 38 44 42 64 67 37 31 119 119 119 119 119 119 119 119 119	266 11 288 73 118 33 341 30 45 38 244 248 244 2188 548 544	\$215 \$215 105 26 222 224 244 53 339 62	\$22	5,500 32 64 60 100 27 5 23 800 77 204 1	\$66 44 33 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30	\$22 4 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	\$18 48 48 76 63 1,669 25 25 25 25 163 163 53 92 566 3 42 42 5 38 5 7 7 7 38 5 7 7 38 5 7 7 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
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SCHEDULE NO. 3.

	_			Pasto	R'S SUPP	ORT.		
NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR.		Claims.			Receipts		fl. cies.
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Defi- ciencies.
1 Ashburnham	W. W. Baldwin	\$650	\$250	\$900	\$650	\$250	\$900	
2 Ashland	T A Dov	650 300	150	800 300	515 300	150	665	135
4 Berlin	L. H. Holway	400		400	400		400	
5 Boston, Monument Sq	J. W. Higgins	1,200	360	1,560	1,200	360 700		
6 "Trinity7 Cambridge, Epworth Chu	rch. C. F. Rice	2,000 1,600	700 470	2,700 2,070	2,000 1,600	470		
8 " Grace Church	h G. A. Phinney	1,500	500	2 000	1,500	500	2,000	
ilarvaru pt	George Skene W. N. Richardson	2,500 1,100	700 300	3,200 1,400	2,500 901	700 300	3,200 1,201	199
11 Clinton	A. M. Osgood	1,000	400	1,400	1,000	400	1,400	
12 Cochituate	M. E. Wright	900 150	300	1,200 150	550 150	300	850 150	350
14 East Pepperell	C. H. Hanaford	1,000	250	1,250	1,000	250	1,250	
15 Fitchburg, First Church.	N. T. Whitaker	1,800	600	2,400	1,800	600 400		
17 Graniteville	rgB. F. Kingsley W. S. Jagger	1,000	400 200	1,400 800	1,000 600	200		
18 Hudson	D A Ela	1,250	600	1,850	1,250	600		•••••
19 Leominster	J. F. Allen	1,500 1,400	300 400	1,800 1,800	1,500 1,400	300 400	1,800	
21 " Highlands	James Mudge	1,200	500	1,700	1,200	500	1,700	
22 '' St. Paul's 23 '' Worthen St	F. K. Stratton E. T. Curnick	1,700 1,600	360 600	2,060 2,200	1,700 1,600	360 600	2 060	
24 Lunenburg	P R Stratton	600	100	700	600	100	700	
25 Marlboro	A. P. Sharp	1,300 800	400 200	1,700 1,000	1,300 821	400 200	1,700	*21
27 Natick, Fisk Memorial	Edward Higgins	1,200	400	1,600	1,200	400	1,600	
28 Newton, Auburndale	C. H. Talmage	1,200	500	1,700	1,200	500		
	C. E. Holmes Luther Freeman	1,500 1,600	500 600	2,000 2,200	1,500 1,600	500 600	2,200	
31 " Newton Highlan	nds G. S. Painter	600		600	600		600	
	Falls O. R. Miller Falls F. J. McConnell	800 700	300	800 1,000	800 800	300		*100
34 " Newtonville	F. E. E. Hamilton	1,600	600	2,200	1,600	600	2,200	
35 Oakdale	W. H. Adams	600 107	200	800 107	600 107	200		
37 Rockbottom		600	200	800	600	200	800	
38 Saxonville	John Peterson	800	100	900 1,560	800 1,300	100 360	900	*100
40 " First Church	G. S. Butters	1,200 2,000	360 700	2,700	2,000	700	2,700	
41 " Flint St	Charles Tilton	1,600	600	2,200	1,600	600 313		
42 " Park Avenue 43 South Framingham	Garrett Beekman	1,200 1,100	313	1,513 1,100	1,200 1,100			
44 Sudbury	W. G. Seaman	600		600	600		600	
45 Townsend 46 Waltham, First Church.		600 1,400	400	600 1,800	600 1,400	400		
47 " Immanu-El	Elias Hodge	1,100	240	1,340	1,100	240	1,340	
48 Watertown		1,500	360	1,860	1,500	360	1,860	
50 Weston	E. H. Tunnicliffe	600	150	750	600	150		
51 Winchester 52 Woburn	C. E. Spaulding	1,100 1,450	400 350	1,500 1,800	1,100 1,450	400 350	1,500 1,800	
Totals		56,457	16,313	72,770	55,994	16,313	72,307	463

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SCHEDULE NO. 2.

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SCHEDULE NO. 1.

Boston, Allston		М	EMBEI			BA	MS.		C	н	RCH PR	OPERT	Υ.	
2 "Appleton Church			No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Chil. dren Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value,	Parsonages.	Probable Value,	For building and improving Ch. Property.	Paid on old in- debtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
72 "Rockport" 1 16 6 1 3,000 130 74 73 "Springfield" 6 52 1 2 2 1 16,000 1 2,500 144 300 7,000	Boston, Allston	6 6 3 3 3 4 7 7 7 4 0 2 1 1 2 1 2 8 8 6 6 1 2 2 1 5 1 6 6 1 2 2 1 6 6 7 1 6 7	1588 700 3888 1900 1800 2000 3944 1322 414 1500 822 833 1010 1044 632 622 622 222 240 633 1044 637 638 888 566 600 600 600 600 600 600 600 600 600	11	3 1 2 2 9 9 8 2 2 1 1 6 6 6 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1	55 77 31 55 77 75 33 66 111 77 44 74 44 33 33 66 77 73 41 122 44 42 43 44 42 44 42 44 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	2 2 3 3 4 4 2 2 2 3 3 3 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		\$12,000 5,000 75,000 20,000 28,000 25,000 40,000 25,000 6,000 7,000 7,500 60,000 7,500 60,000 10,000 15,000 45,000 10,000 15,000 45,000 10,000 11,000 11,000 11,000 12,000 11,000 12,000 11,000 12,000 11,000 12,000 11,000 12,000 11,000 12,000 11,000 12,000 11,000 12,000 11,000 12,000 11,000 12,000 11,000 12,000 11,000 12,000 11,000 12,000 12,000 10,000 11,000 12,000 10,000 11,000 12,000 10,000 11,000 12,000 10,000 10,000 11,000 12,000 10,000 10,000 11,000 12,000 10,000		\$6,000 10,000 5,000 12,000 4,000 1,500 4,000 1,500 4,000 2,500 2,500 2,500 2,500 2,500 2,500 2,500 2,500 2,500 2,500 2,500 2,500 3,000 4,000	\$260 600 14,000 150 1,300 1,300 2,200 2,200 200 31,000 812 2,900 31,100 160 31,000 172 2,900 200 200 200 200 200 31,000 3	\$600 2,000 200 1,400 2,577 25 50 89 500 150 1,25	\$2,500 14,000 14,000 16,500 17,700 4,500 3,300 4,800 4,800 *9,100 3,055 36,000 1,07 1,300 1,400 1,400 1,400 1,100 2,300 1,744 5,1900 1,000
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No.	From Church.	From Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Public Educat'n'l Collection.	Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society.	Woman's Home Miss'y Society.	W. H. M. Supplies.	General Conference Expenses.	Other Collections.	Church Aid.	Sustentation Fund.	City Missions
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	7,34	4 2,348	9,692	59	1 129	98	1,53	3 235	2 29	129	2,816	2,409	1,248	3	4,733	2,043	435	6,291

SCHEDULE NO. 3.

					Pasto	R's SUPI	PORT.		
	NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.		Claims.			Receipts.		fi.
_			Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Defi. ciencies.
1	Boston, Allston	Jesse Wagner	\$1,2000	\$400	\$1,600	\$1.200	\$400	\$1,600	
$\frac{2}{3}$	" Appleton Street " Baker Memorial	F. N. Upham	600 1,500	500	2,000	600 1,500	500		
4 5	"Bethany Church "Bromfield Street "City Point	A. H. Nazarian W. B. Bates	1,000 2,000	400 600	1,400 2,60 0	1,000 2,000	400	1,400	
6	" City Point	W. A. Thurston	1,300	400	1,300	1,300		1,300	
7 8		William Full	1,600 1,200		2,000 1,200	1,600 1,200		1,200	
9 10	" Dorchester Street " Egleston Square " First Church	W. A. Wood W. T. Perrin	1,000 2,800		1,000 2,800			1,000 2,800	
11 12	" Forest Hills " Highland Church	G. B. Dean		450	460 2,050	460 1,600		460	
13	" Italian Church	Gaetano Conte	1,500		1,500	1,500		1,500	
14 15	" St. Andrews	H. P. Rankin	1,100 1,000		1,100	1,100 1,000			
16 17	" Mattapan	W. A Mayo	800 1,600	400	1,200 1,600	800 1.600	400	1,200	
18	" Mount Bowdoin	J. W. Stephan	700		700	700			
19 20	" Parkman Street	Samuel Jackson	900	216	1,116	900	216	1,116	
$\frac{21}{22}$	" People's Temple " Revere Street	W. W. Lucas	3,800 250	1,200	5,000 250	3,800 100	1.200	5,000 100	\$150
23	" St. John's	R. L. Greene	2,020 1,100	480 500	2,500 1,600	2,020 1,200	480		
$\frac{24}{25}$	"Tremont Street	J. D. Pickles	2,500	1,200	3,700	2,500	500 1, 200	3,700	
$\frac{26}{27}$	" West Roxbury "Winthrop Street	E. M. Taylor	624 2,200	360 600	984 2,800	624 2,200	360 600	984 2,800	
28	Brookline	W. I. Haven	1,800 780	750 120	2, 5 50 900	1,800 780	750 120	2,550	
30	Dedham	Ralph Newman	800	180	980	800	180	980	
$\frac{31}{32}$	East Douglas	J. P. Chadbourne	550 800	100	650 800	550 800	100	800	
33	East Douglas Franklin Highlandville Holliston Hyde Park	J. H. Tompson	1,000 700	180 200	1,180 900	1,000 700	180 200	1,180	
35	Hopkinton	W. M. Cassidy	700	300	1,000	700	300	1,000	
36 37	Hyde Park Leicester	F. T. Pomeroy Alonzo Sanderson	1,600 354	500	2,100 354	1,600 354	500	2,100 354	
38	Milford	G. M. Smiley	1,200 700	500 150	1,700 850	1,200 425	500 150	1,700 575	275
40	North Grafton Norwood	J. H. Humphrey	250		250	250		250	
42	Oxford	F. A. Everett	408 700	100	408 800	408 700	100	408 800	
43	Plainville	A. L. Squier	800 458	150	950 458	800 458	150	950 458	
45	" West Quincy	A. A. Brown	600	300	900	600	300	900	
46	Shrewsbury	J E. Waterhouse	1,100 725	200	1,100 925	1,100 725	200	1,100 925	
48	Southville	W. M. Cassidy	263 550	150	263 700	263 550	150	263 700	
50	South Walpole	H. G. Butler	700		700	700		700	
51 52	Walpole	F. R. Griffith	1,000 350		1,000 350	1,000 350		1,000 350	
53 54	Webster	Alexander Digitt	1,200 1,050	250 350	1,450 1,400	1,200 1,050	250 350	1,450 1.400	
55	West Medway	G. W. Coon	425 1,000	150 200	575	425 1,000	150 200		
56 57	Worcester, Coral Street	G. E. Sanderson	900	400	1,200 1,300	900	400	1,300	
58 59	" French Mission	N. W. Deveneau W. J. Thompson	1,600	500	2,100	1,600	500	2,100	
60	" Lakeview	Alonzo Sanderson. G. W. Mansfield	208 1,000		208	208	300	208 1,300	
61 62	" I'ark Avenue	Alonzo Sanderson	800	300	1,300 800	1,000 623		628	177
63 64	" Trinity Webster Square	R. F. Holway L W. Adams	2,500 1,000	700 400	3,200 1,400	2,500 1,000	700 400	3,200 1,400	
65	Swedish, Boston	Henry Hanson	60 40	240	300 40	60 40	240	300 40	
66	" Gardner	J. G. Nelson	108		108	108		108	
68 69	" Lowell	Hilmer Larson	288	192	480	283	192	480	
70	" Maplewood " Quincy, St. Pauls	C. J. WIgren	334 400	216	550 400	334 400	216	550	
71 72	" Rockport	Peter Frost							
73 74	" Springfield	H. E. Whyman	250 700		250 700;	250 700			
75	" 2d Swed.	Nels Eagle			1,300	1,300			
	Total		70,405	15,484	85,889	69,903	15,484	85,387	502

SCHEDULE NO. 2.

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Proba- tioners.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	l'arsonages.	Probable Value.	For building and improving Ch. Property.	Paid on old in debtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
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SCHEDULE NO. 4.

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No.		From Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Educat'n'l Collection.	Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society.	Woman's Home Miss'y Society.	W. H. M. S. Supplies.	General Conference Expenses.	Other Collections.	Church Aid.	Sustentation Fund.	City Missions.
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	3,412	1,349	4,761	277	72	48	562	133	216	69	2,318	487	364		2,650	778	378	104

SCHEDULE NO. 3.

			Pastor's Support.						
	NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Claims.			Receipts.			ų-y
			Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Defi-
A	Amherst		\$700	\$225	\$925	\$700	\$225	\$925	1
A	thol	John H. Mansfield.	1,000	200	1,200	1,000	200	1,200	
В	Belchertown	G. W. Locke	500 600	84	584 600	500 600	84	584 600	
н	sernardaton	IB. I. Bell	250	100	350	257	100	357	
B	Blandford	J. H. Long	375	96	471	375	96	471	
E	Brookfield	I. R. Chaffee	750	150	900 800	750	150 200	900 800	
č	Charlemont Circuit	W. T. Miller	600 350	200 100	450	600 350	100	450	
C	harlton City	E. A. Howard	550	150	700	550	150	700	
C	Chester	J. A. Betcher	500	200	700	500	200	700	
U	chicopee, First Church Chicopee Falls	W. C. Townsond	1,000 1,300	350	1,350	1,000 1,300	350 350	1,350 1,650	
C	oleraine	C. P. Ketchen	550	350 100	1,650 650	550	100	650	
C	onway	Albert Beal	650	200	850	650	200	850	
D	wight	G. W. Locke	200		200	200		200	
	ast Coleraineasthampton		200		200	200 800	200	200 1,000	
E	ast Longmeadow	E. C. Bridgham	800 500	$\frac{200}{150}$	1,000 650	500	150	658	
Ð	. Templeton and Phillipston,	T. W. Gilmore	408		408	408		408	
D	nfield	William Ferguson	500	100	600	528	100	620	
H.	eeding Hills	G. W. Clarke W. A. Dockham	525	75	1,200	525 900	75 300	600 1,200	
Ğ	ardner	L. P. Causey	900 800	300 400	1,200	800	400	1,200	
G	fill	F. I. Bell	200		200	226		226	
	lendale		150		150	150		150	
G	ranville	James Sutherland Jerome Wood	350		350	350 1,000	250	330 1,250	
P	lampden	J. H. Bennett	1,000 350	250 150	1,250 500	350	150	500	
H	lolyoke, Appleton Church	N. B. Fiske	1,400	360	1,760	1,400	360	1,760	
	" Highlands	F. J. Hale	1,000	300	1,300	1,000	300	1,300	• • •
H	Iubbardston	W. W. Reeves W. T. Hale	500	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	500	500 300	75	500 375	
L	udlow Centre	N. M. Caton	300 600	75 150	375 750	600	150	750	
M	littineague	H. B. King	900	250	1,150	900	250	1,150	
M	Ionson	A. R. Nichols	900	200	1,100	900	200	1,100	
11	Forth Amherst	E. B. Marshall C. A. Shatto	250	300	250	250 1,200	300	250 1,500	
N	Torthampton	N. L. Porter	1,200 650	180	1,500 830	650	180	830	
N	orth Dana	F. H. Wheeler	400	125	525	400	125	525	
	orth Prescott	H. A. Jones	350		350	295	180	295 986	
P	Prange	H. G. Buckingham. E. B. Marshall	850 250	180 100	1,030 350	806 250	100	350	
	hillipston, see E. Templeton,	F. W. Gilmore	200	100					
R	Lussell	J. H. Long	225		225	225	******	225	
8	helburne Falls	H. G. Alley	600	120	720	600 650	120 200	720 750	
200	outhamptonouth Athol	T. Livingstone H. G. Buckingham.	600 175	200	800 175	175	200	175	
28	outhbridge	C. H. Walters	1,000	300	1,300	1,000	300	1,300	
8	outh Deerfield	O. M. Sanford	330		330	330	********	330	
30	outh Hadley Falls	E. E. Abercrombie.	600	120	720	600 315	120 100	720 415	
200	outhwickonth Worthington	C. A. Pickett G. W. Crosby	300 300	100 50	400 350	3 95	50	445	
2	pencer	G. W. Crosby G. W. Simouson	800	200	1,000	800	200	1,000	
8	pringfield, Asbury	W. J. Heath L. E. Bell	1,500	500	2,000	1,500	500	2,000	
	" Brightwood	L. E. Bell E. P. Herrick	1 500	400	1,000	1,500	400	1,900	
		W. G. Richardson .	1,500 1,500	400 500	1,900 2,000	1,500	500	2,000	
	" State Street	T. C. Watkins	1,500	400	1,900	1,500	400	1,900	
	" Trinity	Henry Tuckley	2,000	650	2,650	2,000	650 100	2,650 500	
	Vales Vare	G. L. Camp J. W. Fulton	400 900	100 200	500 1,100	400 900	200	1,100	
V	Varren, First Church	Wesley Wiggin	600	200	800	600	200	800	
	" West	John Mason	500	120	620	500	120	620	
1	Vest Brookfield	A. B. Glfford	500		500	500 1 850	500	500 2,350	
1	Vestfield, First Church	L. H. Dorchester James Sutherland	1,850 350	500 100	2,350 450	1,850 350	100	450	
1	Vest Springfield	A. W. Balrd	700	300	1,000	700	300	1,000	
1	Vest Whately	H. H. Weyant						******	
1	Vest Worthington	G. W. Crosby	100		100	105 1,000	200	105 1,200	
	Vilbraham	Fayette Nichols	1,000 400	200 200	1,200	400	200	600	
	Vinchendon	A. L. Howe	700	300	1,000	700	300	1,000	• •
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SCHEDULE NO. 2.

Statistics for the West District, New England Conference, for 1898.

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No.	Amount Apport'd.	Amount Paid,	Amount Apport'd.	Amount Paid.	Total Support Pastors, Presid- ing Elders and Bishops.	Conference Claimants.	Current Expenses of Church.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	Members in the Homc Department.	Officers and Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Prob.	Scholars who are Ch. Mem. or Prob.	Converted during Year.	Current Expenses.
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SCHEDULE NO. 1.

Recapitulation, New England Conference, for 1898.

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DISTRICTS.	No. of Pro- bationers.	No. of Full Members. No. of Local Preachers. No. of Deaths.		No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages. Probable Value.		For building and improving Ch. Property.	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.	
East District	978 714 2,743 612	9,716 12,068		158 141 136 127	258	251 221 263 122	49 66	1,044,800 1,805,900	34 33	155,000		12,962 18,832	229,697
Total Last year	5,047 5,599	41,466 41,904			1,083 1,096			4,594,300 4,556,800		577,550 546,650	151,941 134,029	43,988 49,568	677,948 638,330
Gain Loss	552	438	2	39	13	220		37,500		900	17,912	5,580	39,618

SCHEDULE NO. 3.

Recapitulation, New England Conference, for 1898.

DISTRICTS.		Pres	ort of iding ers.	Support of Bishops.							
DISTRICTS.	Salary.	Claims.	Total.			House / Park 1			Am't Paid.	Am't	Am't Paid.
	Balary.	Rent.	Totai.	Salary.	Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies				
East District North District South District West District	\$58,958 56,457 70,405 47,038	\$14,962 16,313 15,484 12,110	\$73,920 72,770 85 889 59,148	\$58,571 55,994 69,903 47,065	\$14,962 16,313 15,484 12,110	\$73,533 72,307 85,387 59,236	\$387 463 502 *88	2,430 2,585	\$2,292 2,430 2,612 2,354	\$885 941 1,047 551	\$406 366 667 230
Total Last year	232,858 233,473	58,869 58,741	291,727 292,214	231,533 231,886	58,869 58,691	290,463 290,127	1,264 1,692	9,690 9,701	9,688 9,632		1,669 1,722
Gain Lorн	615	128	487	353	178	336	428	11	56	20	53

^{*} Excess.

SCHEDULE NO. 4.

Recapitulation, New England Conference, for 1898.

BENEVOLENT (COLI	ECTI	ONS.
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From Church.	From Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Public Educat'n'l Collection.	Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society	Woman's Home Miss'y Society.	W. H. M. Supplies.	Gen. Confer- ence Expenses	Other Collections	Church Aid	Sustentation Fund.	City Missions.
\$4,671 5,604 7,344 3,412	\$2,263 1,804 2,348 1,349	\$6,934 7,408 9,692 4,761	\$550 643 591 277	\$136 109 129 72	\$122 92 98 48	\$1,183 1,653 1,533 562	\$99 131 232 133	\$367 305 296 216	\$158 121 129 69	\$2 341 3,004 2,816 2,318	\$1,765 572 2,409 487	\$857 1,250 1,248 364		\$2,985 8,191 4,733 2,650	\$564 1,774 2 043 778	\$538 453 435 378	\$1,514 3.586 6,291 104
21,031 23,710	7,764 7,663	28,795 31,373		446 463	360 381	4,931 5,095	595 578	1,184 1,005	477 427	10,479 9,690	5,233 4,503	3,719 3,187	2 18	18,559 26,481	5,159 4,630	1,804 2,043	11,495
2,679	101	2,578	200	17	21	164	17	179	50	789	730	532		7,922	529	239	

SCHEDULE NO. 2.

Recapitulation, New England Conference, for 1898.

							Sun	DAY S	CHOOLS.			
Total Support Pastors, Presid- ing Elders, and Bishops.	Conference Claimants.	Current Expenses of Church.	DISTRICTS.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance,	Members in the Home Department.	Officers and Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Prob.	Scholars who are Ch. Mem. or Prob.	Converted during Year.	Current Expenses.
\$76,231 75,103 88,666 61,820	1,401 1,460	\$37,285 40,330 52,034 17,171	East District	65 54 81 76	1,892 1,405 1,754 1,247	14,765 11,167 12,678 8,902	9,318 6,973 8,356 4,695	430 575 967 615	1,718 1,244 1,584 1,200	4,888	465 440 718 251	\$9,565 6,747 10,390 4,630
301,320 301,698		146,820 153,743	Total Last year	276 272		47,512 47,678	29,342 29,600	2,587 2,242	5,746 5,889		1,874 2,051	31,332 29,563
122	152	6,923	GainLoss	4	205	166	258	345	143	2,229	177	1,769



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